

Annex to "A Canadian Foreign Affairs Record?"

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In the main body of this report it was noted that the cost of photocomposing is based on the number of computer characters in the material typed into the terminal, and that each letter, each space, and each punctuation mark counts as a computer character.

In the light of this, my first move in the attempt to estimate the photocomposing costs involved in producing the proposed record was to estimate the volume of material that might be included in it for given periods.

More or less at random I picked two months, May of this year and November of last. One is a spring month: this avoids the summertime doldrums, if any. November is one of the three main months when the U.N. General Assembly is in session, and material from this source would therefore be included.

From the divisions concerned I collected spare copies and photostats of all the material it has been agreed should be contained in the record -- Statements and Speeches, press releases, etc. Having assembled the two collections I counted the total number of words in each. This it turned out, was a wasted effort. I had expected there would be some simple arithmetic