

APPENDIX "END-3"

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Mr. Marcel Prud'homme, M.P.,
Chairman,
Standing Committee on External Affairs and
National Defence,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Prud'homme,

During the meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence on May 26, Mr. Fairweather made reference to the paper prepared by my Department last November on implementation of the Helsinki Final Act which was made available to members of Parliament. He asked about an updating of the paper sometime in the near future.

My Department has, in fact, prepared a brief paper bringing up-to-date the information Basket III contained in the earlier paper. I enclose a copy of it which you might wish to pass to Mr. Fairweather and any other members of the committee who are interested.

I am also enclosing some additional statistics relating to the human contacts provisions of Basket III. As you will note, these statistics relate to the "Number of Citizens of Warsaw Pact Countries Entering Canada as Immigrants" and they differ from the statistics on "Immigration to Canada by Country of Last Permanent Residence" which are included in the up-date paper. The figures relating to citizenship include those holding the citizenship of the particular Warsaw Pact country concerned who arrive in Canada direct from their country of origin or who may have made application for entry to Canada in a third country. The figures relating to the country of last permanent residence, on the other hand, include those living in the Warsaw Pact countries who may not have been citizens of those countries and also those, e.g. Jews in the USSR, who have lost their citizenship by renunciation on departure from their country of origin.

Yours sincerely,
Don Jamieson

Basket III: Cooperation in Humanitarian and Other Fields

General

The situation as outlined in the Canadian paper of last November remains basically unchanged as far as Canada's experience with the Eastern European countries is concerned, with the notable exception of the reunification of families where there have been signs in the last few months that a more positive approach to this problem may be emerging.

A brief paper on Canada's experience with the Eastern European countries on family reunification is attached together with statistics, up-to-date as of mid-May. Both Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia which are the countries with which Canada has had most difficulty in the past (apart from the USSR) have indicated their intention to resolve existing cases on the lists we have given them periodically. Even the USSR, whose performance in resolving the old difficult cases on our lists is not satisfactory from our point of view, has allowed a larger total number of people to leave for