

leagues. The plan would be to reach agreement inter-departmentally on a memorandum to Cabinet recommending that officials be authorized to explore these matters with BWI officials in due course, and to reply to the United Kingdom note. In the reply to the United Kingdom note we might suggest that we would be prepared to carry out our technical assistance programme under the general guidance of a Canada-United Kingdom-BWI Board. This would enable us to give a more positive reply to the United Kingdom note which emphasizes their interest in Canadian participation in a "joint programme". (Some thoughts on how such a Board might operate are set out in Annex II.) Matters have progressed to the stage that, if Canadian officials are to enter into discussion with BWI officials, they should be empowered to say that the Canadian Government is prepared to ask Parliament at the next session to make funds available for a ship or ships and for the initial expenditures of a continuing technical assistance programme.⁹⁴

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Annexe I

Annex I

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETING WITH MESSRS. BRADSHAW AND SOUTHWELL,
MINISTERS FROM THE ISLANDS OF ST. KITTS, NEVIS, AND ANGUILLA

Present:

In addition to Messrs. Bradshaw and Southwell there were:

L.E. Couillard (Chairman)

Mr. Plumptre and Mr. Pollock, Department of Finance

Mr. Swartzmann, Mr. Parlour and Mr. Nixon,

Department of Trade and Commerce

Mr. Baskerville, Department of Immigration

Messrs. MacInnes, Malone, Grey and MacLean

of the Department of External Affairs

After welcoming Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Southwell to Ottawa and discussing briefly the background of their visit, the Chairman invited the Ministers to address the group.

Mr. Bradshaw referred to the past Canadian interest in the British Caribbean Colonies and stated his hope that this interest was to continue, and indeed to increase as the colonies developed politically. He noted that the economies of the British Caribbean colonies were by no means strong or diversified; economics, he feared, may prove the weak spot of the proposed West Indian Federation. While the economies of Trinidad and Jamaica were considerably stronger than those of the other islands, taken as a whole he felt the Federation had "nothing to brag about". There was, Mr. Bradshaw suggested, a general appreciation of these difficulties and a realization that the Federation, if it was to survive, would require scientific and other advice. It was hoped that some of this assistance would be provided by Canada.

Mr. Bradshaw described some of the educational difficulties confronting St. Kitts (and the neighbouring islands of Nevis and Anguilla) and of the particular fields in which Technical Assistance would be most valuable. Experts were required in the fields of agricultural

⁹⁴ Note marginale :/Marginal Note:

I am in agreement with the thesis of this very clear memorandum. L.B. P[earson]