CHAPTER II - CRIME

1. INTRODUCTION

Any report of crime against the person or property arouses everyone's concern since crime in an urban area affects the safety and well-being of all residents in the community. Urban crime is a serious problem which requires everyone to implement additional physical security measures at home and to be more vigilant during daily activities.

Statistic reports from around the world indicate that criminal activities increase yearly in almost all major cities, a situation attributed in part to the fast increase of populations in large urban areas. Canada-based staff and their families residing in the world's capital cities can expect to be faced with ever-increasing urban crime wherever they will serve abroad.

We are well aware of the extent of crimes in North American cities, but we do not allow alarming statistics to deter us from visiting or living in these cities. Vigilance, common sense and personal discipline lead to preventative measures that we follow for our own personal protection. Reported problems in any city should always be clarified from a reliable source and assessed to eliminate any undue exaggeration which might curtail our chosen life style.

2. INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION FOR MEN AND WOMEN

At home

If you come across a burglar in your home at any time, day or night, DON'T attempt to apprehend him, even if he appears unarmed and is small in stature.

Never corner a burglar. Always leave him an avenue of escape. Cornered criminals have attacked household members in the past because they were trapped and compelled to surrender or fight.

If, on returning to your empty residence, you discover a door open, when you distinctly remember locking the door before leaving. DON'T go in. Instead, go to a neighbor's place and phone the police.

If, on returning to your supposedly empty residence, you find clothing protruding from drawers or strewn around rooms, it would suggest that a burglar has entered your residence while you were absent and may still be on the premises.