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2. The department has not requested any such studies from any agency.

3. It is not the policy of the government to promote the development of banana cultivation in Canada.

## CANADA'S EMBASSIES

Question No. 2,090—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Was a decision taken in 1980 to co-ordinate the activities of several ministries in Canada's embassies in other countries?

2. Was the decision intended to reduce the number of personnel in the embassies and, if so, how many positions were cut?

3. Was there a prior study to ascertain the extent of any possible communications problems between ministries that might result from such a decision?

4. Which ministries with personnel in embassies in other countries were not covered by any co-ordinating activity, if any?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. No. Co-ordination is the responsibility of the head of post who is held accountable for the programs of departments in his or her area of jurisdiction. This is recognized and accepted by all departments concerned and is not altered by the Prime Minister's decision on consolidation of the foreign service announced on March 20, 1980.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

[*English*]

**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand? Stand.

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask when we might expect an answer to No. 681. This question has been on the Order Paper for several weeks. It should not be a difficult question to answer. I would like to get this information in connection with studies carried out in Banff National Park at a reasonably early date.

**Mr. Collenette:** Madam Speaker, I will try to get the information as quickly as possible. I cannot guarantee any particular date for any given answer, but I will do my best.

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**Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 40 is acceptable to the government. I ask that the remaining notices of motions for the production of papers stand.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that notice of motion No. 40 be deemed to have been adopted?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Text*]

## DIAND—COPIES OF REGULATIONS FOR PUBLICATION OF TENDER CALLS

Motion No. 40—**Mr. Herbert:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all regulations and instructions in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, concerning the publication of tender calls for construction work, including all references to the amount and form of deposits that may accompany such tenders.

Motion agreed to.

[*English*]

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Briefly, Madam Speaker, I would like to refer to motion No. 38, which is a notice for the production of papers in regard to an air crash some years ago, which I put on the Order Paper for very valid reasons; the accident resulted in the death of a minister of national defence.

I was advised subsequently that the papers were missing, both by the National Archives and the Department of National Defence. Subsequent to that, I was contacted by the Privy Council office, which said that they had apparently been located. The papers are quite voluminous. The Privy Council office has made photocopies and is prepared to furnish them to me, but has pointed out that to do so would require that they be translated into both official languages, which is estimated to take approximately eight months and would obviously cost the taxpayers a great deal of money.

It is not my intention that this should happen, and the Privy Council office has suggested that if I am prepared to withdraw the motion, it would furnish photocopies of all the papers to me without having to go through the procedure of having them tabled in the House. So if the parliamentary secretary could assure the House that that meets with the approval of the government, I would be quite prepared to withdraw the motion later today.

**Mr. Collenette:** Madam Speaker, this is the first knowledge that I have had of any arrangements being made between the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville (Mr. Cossitt) and the Department of National Defence. I will consult with the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Lamontagne), because any document to be tabled in the House must be tabled in both official languages, as you well know, Madam Speaker. However, if a compromise can be worked out between the hon. member and the department, then I am sure that will meet with the satisfaction of all members. I will get back to him later.

**Mr. Cossitt:** It was not the Department of National Defence, although I realize that the ultimate responsibility might lie there, but it was the Privy Council office which made the proposal and dealt with my office. I suggest that the parliamentary secretary talk to the appropriate officials in the Privy Council office who have proposed this solution.

**Mr. Collenette:** Yes, I will undertake to do that. It is obvious that the hon. member has better access than I to some officials in the Privy Council office.