

ANNEX F: SCHROEDER-GUDEHUS REPORT - CONCLUSIONS

A comparative study was made by the University of Montreal of the functions and operation of the "home bases" of the technological attache systems now being used by certain representative countries. The specific countries chosen were Finland, France, FRG, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK, and the following elements of the home bases were studied:

A. DESCRIPTION

1. Location in the administration

- (a) administrative authority
- (b) source of budget

2. Size

- (a) number of persons
 - (i) professional staff
 - (ii) support staff
- (b) equipment (documentation, data base, etc.)
- (c) operating budget

B. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS

1. With respect to the scientific attaché network

- (a) control, instructions, resources allocation, monitoring, briefing
- (b) services (scientific, legal, economic, trade - information)
- (c) mechanisms and tools (direct correspondence, meetings of scientific attaches, etc.)

2. With respect to the users

- (a) nature of the clientele
- (b) connections between the network of attaches and the users - obligatory or optional:
 - (i) conveyor belt (mail box)
 - (ii) screening and processing
 - (iii) dissemination of the information received
 - principles (random or directed)
 - tools
 - (iv) promotion activities ("marketing" the service)
 - tools

3. Others

- (a) administration of scientific and technical agreements
- (b) etc.

4. breakdown of time by activity