

(c) Cultivate Indians of the various political parties and make personal friendships among them;

(d) Make it clear that, while Canada would welcome a decision by India to remain a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, this is recognised to be a matter for determination by India herself;

(e) Take advantage of any suitable occasion to make clear the lines along which Canada has developed politically, and the way in which Canadian statesmanship has achieved national unity without infringing upon the appropriate autonomy of a substantial minority;

(f) Emphasise the value in world reconstruction of the willing collaboration of India and of the positive and inspiring "historical mission" which lies before India;

(g) Keep the Canadian Government informed of possible opportunities to assist Indian development in various spheres, such as education, industry and commerce, or the development of social services.

4. Your formal relations will be with the Government of India; while there may be occasion for contacts with the governments of the provinces or with the Indian States, these would be of a purely informal nature.

5. It may be useful to have some indication of the kind of reporting which is desired from the mission.

6. In general, in deciding what subjects are, and what are not, suitable for reporting, two considerations might be borne in mind: first, that any matters of significance in India, so long as they are not minor events of purely local importance, are of interest as explaining the course of events in that country; second, that a development in Indian affairs may throw light on Canadian problems of a similar nature.

7. I do not wish to go into detail in suggesting subjects for reports to the Department, but I might supplement the general observations made above by listing a few topics for your consideration. These fall into three main headings — external relations, internal policy, and trade and economic questions.

#### 8. *External Relations:*

(1) We will be very glad to receive from you critical and interpretative analyses of trends in India's external relations, with particular reference to members of the Commonwealth, to the United States, and to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

(2) In this connection I might add that India's relations with the Soviet Union will be of special interest during the present period in Indian development, and will require the most careful attention.

(3) We should like to receive from time to time information on Indian views about the problems and organization of the United Nations, in which India has taken an active interest, particularly the future activities of the United Nations in the fields of human rights, trusteeship (especially Palestine), and non-self-governing territories. We should also be glad to be kept informed of any further developments in the question of the treatment of Indians in South Africa, which was recently brought before the General Assembly of the United Nations by the Indian Government, and on whether India is likely to raise at future United Nations