

2. Most of the policy information - for informational and not substantive use - sent to posts is handled at present by the Liaison side of Press & Liaison Division and earlier by Liaison Services and the Political Co-ordination Section. Part of this activity is aimed essentially at the enlightenment of officers at posts abroad about developing foreign policy and of the views and reports of other missions. Posts directly involved in any particular subject of the moment will be up to date on that subject through regular departmental correspondence but other posts will be interested for their own information and for possible professional use, either by way of explanation to other governments or, occasionally, as a basis for public information efforts. The Press & Liaison Division is at present responsible for this work. It is an area that has had deep nodes and loops of activity and has depended on the availability of personnel to do it. Currently this activity is on the upswing but more can be done. The choice, minuting and distribution of Selected Documents is a valuable service to missions abroad and divisions of the Department. The Press & Liaison Division also undertakes the distribution of Policy Statement telegrams to posts abroad which can be used for both intergovernmental and public information. Another very useful activity, which has not yet been fully restored, is the preparation and distribution of Policy Information Telegrams to give posts abroad a summary of information, classified or unclassified, on important current international events and of governmental, sometimes departmental, views on these events at a stage when these views may not have yet become announced or established policy.