

A CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECORD?

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Production Plan and Estimate of Costs

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At our last meeting on September 10 there appeared to be general support for the proposal that this Department should produce a permanent foreign policy record of some kind -- a record which would include foreign policy developments in all federal government departments and which might include non-official as well as official matter.

I was asked to formulate a production or organization plan, including type and number of staff required, and to draw up estimates of what might be the costs involved.

You will recall that I was attracted, as I think we all were, to producing the record on a loose-leaf binder system, possibly a modified form of Keesing's Contemporary Archives. You will remember also that I thought we might find it advisable to produce at least the index by automation, and -- unless it proved prohibitively expensive -- to go whole hog and employ computerized printing for the entire record.

Personally, from my limited researches into the wonderful world of automation, I would hope that we could, and would, go the whole way. I am happy to report that virtually all of us in this Department share this view, from Bruce