

TRANSPORTATION

The Canadian and French sides examined the following three topics under the transportation heading:

(1) Civil aviation

Both sides agreed to develop projects involving the exchange of personnel which have been recently set up by both governments, particularly those involving in-flight inspectors.

(2) Land transportation

Both sides have examined the topics with potential for co-operation in the fields of science, technology or industry:

- articulated intercity buses

The Canadian side hoped to establish a program of co-operation between Prevost Car, which has received federal assistance and Renault V.I., to develop new products.

The French side shared this desire but emphasized that numerous exchanges have already taken place between the two companies for the joint production of an articulate urban vehicle and that negotiations have not produced results.

- speech recognition and synthesis -- traffic control system

French partner: Renault

The Canadian side will designate a partner.

- high speed train

The French side proposed that a delegation from Transport Canada come to France in order to learn about the decision-making process that led the French Government to select a TGV network. This included analyses, costs, advantages, cost effectiveness of the projects, and the choice between having it produced by a third party and the SNCF.

Evaluation of the Southeastern TGV.

The Canadian side offered its thanks and will transmit the proposal to the relevant authorities.

(3) Highway research

The Canadian and French sides both received the following two proposals, in their respective area of interest: