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INTERNAL SECURITY - AFFAIRES EXTERIEURES  
CONFIDENTIALB) Foreign Policy

There is little interest on the part of the international community in the Turks and Caicos and little interest on the part of people in the Turks and Caicos in the outside world. Horizons are confined largely to the "metropolitan powers" (the United Kingdom as colonial power, the United States as the economic power in the area, and Canada which provides some tourists). The Turks and Caicos are not a full member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), although they are a member of associated institutions such as the Caribbean Development Bank and the University of the West Indies.

A United Nations Mission, which travelled to the Turks and Caicos Islands in April, 1980, found the islands economically underdeveloped, lacking a sense of national unity and not anxious to become independent in present circumstances. The Mission recommended that the political education of the people of the Territory be intensified, that efforts be made to safeguard the political evolution of the islands from external influences and that the United Kingdom continue to intensify and expand its program of aid in order to accelerate the development of the economic and social infrastructure of the Territory. The conclusion of the Mission was that the people of the Turks and Caicos wanted a greater degree of economic development but not early independence.

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