

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

the Canadian Radio and Television Commission or of the special task force did not know what the lower levels of both groups were doing. Third, to come to the substance of the request made by this person working for the C.R.T.C., I think it is an abuse of what that organization was established to do. I do not think the C.R.T.C. should be tied in with what many newsmen, particularly broadcasters, consider to be attempts to strengthen the propaganda efforts of the government.

**Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** I appreciate the hon. member's courtesy in not attributing to the Prime Minister any fault in the manner in which the hon. member's question was answered. I think it has been made very clear that, in the terms in which the question was asked, it was properly answered. However, the Prime Minister has attempted to give the fullest possible information in the spirit of the question, and I hope he has done so. I shall not attempt to defend the public servants whom the hon. member has attacked. I regret he has seen fit to do so. I also regret

that he should have put in the mouths of unnamed journalists, particularly broadcasters, an accusation that the work of the task force is somehow activated by motives lower than those set out for it by the Prime Minister.

The hon. member must know that the C.R.T.C. has a regulation that radio stations should keep all scripts and tapes of news broadcasts for 30 days, and that such records are from time to time requested by the C.R.T.C., for examination and assessment. I understand from the C.R.T.C. that anyone who wishes to listen to these tapes here in Ottawa may do so. In fact, the C.R.T.C. would request and obtain a tape from a radio station for such a purpose. There is obviously nothing sinister or improper about this. It seems to be a normal and proper function of the C.R.T.C. and the C.R.T.C. would appear to be the proper agency to make such surveys, if they need to be made.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.28 p.m.