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Extrait du procès-verbal de la réunion des chefs de direction
Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Heads of Divisions

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[Ottawa], October 12, 1948

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18. *Mr. Mayrand* said that a number of complaints had been received from Canadians protesting the use of the mails for the circulation in Canada of news and propaganda bulletins by missions in Ottawa from Communist states. Articles in these bulletins have frequently been offensive. The Department is considering the possibility of circulating in those Communist countries whose missions issue a bulletin in Canada, a corresponding Canadian information bulletin which would contain news about Canada, excerpts from speeches made by government leaders, etc. If the Communist states protested the circulation of a Canadian bulletin and requested its discontinuation, we could similarly ban the circulation of that state's bulletin in Canada.

19. The Department is also considering the possibility of giving publicity in Canada to information about the Soviet Union, and the Communist states of Eastern Europe, received from Canadian missions in these countries. Communist censorship of the reports of press correspondents leads to a situation where the Canadian public is often ignorant of the true significance of developments in the Communist states. The release of material received by the Department through the diplomatic bag might help to correct this situation.

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Note de la Direction de l'information
pour le chef de la Direction européenne
Memorandum from Information Division
to Head, European Division

[Ottawa], November 9, 1948

At a meeting held in Mr. Pearson's office on April 16th, 1948, which was attended by various members of the Department and by Mr. A.D. Dunton, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the C.B.C., it was decided that the Canadian Missions in London and Washington be requested to obtain reports on jamming of broadcasts to communist controlled countries and estimates of radio audiences in those countries.

It was also decided that the Canadian Missions in communist controlled countries be requested to give their views on the advisability of directing broadcasts to their respective countries and their suggestions as to the lines which might usefully