

accelerated schedule while implementing new imaging technologies and utilizing telecommunications to link remote sites to Ottawa. This strategy assumes the technical goals are:

- Access to up-to-date data should be available equally to all users that are authorized by the Government, regardless of location, as quickly as possible. Realistically this applies to Canadian access worldwide as a priority.
- Expand current data bases for increased security
- Provide access to external data bases (Federal and Provincial vital statistics, police, Immigration, etc.), and provide controlled access to Passport Office data bases by other departments and agencies.
- Begin to capture biometric data in the near future so as to bring the data base up to a fully converted level by 1995/96. Utilize biometric data for production of passports by 1994/1995.
- Electronic archiving of biometric data will be required in conjunction with use in passport production.
- Provide imaging of documents and electronic "workflow" to handle increased volume of applications and improve efficiencies. Productivity gains would be realized in the minimization of paper handling and the resulting throughput achievable with available PY's.
- Electronic archiving of imaged documents will be required in conjunction with its use in passport application processing