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between the foreign service, on the one hand, and government departments, the business world, the academic community, on the other. Such a programme will ensure that foreign service officers will be familiar and sympathetic with the viewpoints, concerns and interests of all government departments and private organizations operating abroad.

A task force will report as soon as possible to the Committee on External Relations on the means necessary to integrate all the support services of the Government's foreign operations. As plans are developed they will be tested and put into effect, thereby enabling the Government to provide administrative support for foreign operations in a modern and realistic way.

Finally, the Government has decided that heads of post abroad must be given clear authority over all operations at the post in accordance with approved operational plans; and that the head of post must represent and be accountable for all departments' interests in his area of jurisdiction. This implies, as regards the selection of heads of post, increasing emphasis in future on managerial capabilities and knowledge of the full range of government activities abroad.

The Government's view is that, if its foreign policy is to be carried out effectively, the organization for doing so must be closely-knit, fully qualified and responsive to the changing demands that inevitably will be made on it. The steps taken towards the goal of integration will be systematically reviewed to ensure that they do continue to fulfil the emerging needs of the future."