EXECUTIVE MEETING

August 19th, 1957

Present: Ottawa - J.A. Ouimet, E.L. Bushnell, M. Carter, C. Jennings, J. P. Gilmore, P. Johnson, P. Meggs, M. Ouimet,

J. J. Trudeau

Montreal - G. Lamarche, G. Arthur, A. Ouimet, R. Rolland,

M. Valimette

Toronto - H. G. Walker, T. Benson, R. de Boer, J. Dunn, R. Graham, E. Hallman, J.H. Harvey, C.H. Jones,

G. Rugheimer, D. Sumner

1. General Developments Statu quo.

2. Program Items

2.1 MCA Crash General Manager asked that leading cuestions be avoided by CBC staff in interviews connected with tragedies. CB to follow up.

2.2 Royal Visit ACB announced meeting held by Government Hospitality Committee; program is now relatively firm & plans have been announced. Suggestions concerning coverage of incidental events will be made to the Prime Minister, including possibility of massed band concert, fireworks display on the Ottawa River & RCMP musical ride. Thom Benson, co-ordinator for the royal visit coverage, gave detailed account of plans in progress. Twenty-three cameras will be used along the eleven-mile stretch from Uplands Airport to Government House. It is hoped that refusal to allow TV coverage of service in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday will be reconsidered. CB to make further study of planned CBC special program in tribute to the Queen following speech to the nation on Sunday, Oct. 13th. The Duke of Edinburgh will speak on radio at 12:45 or 1:15, Monday morning, live from the Chateau, with possibility of later rebroadcast. It is planned to have a special TV program on the previous Friday, Oct. 11th, showing coverage arrangements & facilities in Ottawa. J. Dunlop in touch with American networks concerning relays. CO, CB & P&I to explore possibility of holding closed-circuit TV press conference on Sept. 18th. Thirty-two commentators will participate & some 180 staff will be engaged in all at peak periods of royal visit coverage. Two English & two French commentators will be following U.S. visit. Meeting informed plans for French network will parallel those of T-Can network & that there will be full duplicate coverage & pick-up points, ACB informs Government Hospitality Committee negotiating with football authorities to have game start earlier than usual on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The possible transfer of cameras from the game to cover the arrival is left to the attention of T. Benson. G. Arthur informed IS to cover all main events & also to feed to CAE; IS schedule to be circulated in near future.

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