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SEMINAR ON CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA - MARCH 7 TO 9, 1969

The C.I.I.A. is continuing its present policy of helping to sponsor a number of discussions, both public and private, on aspects of the foreign policy review currently being carried out by the Canadian Government and people. Mr. Gordon Hawkins, the Executive Director of the C.I.I.A., announced today that the Institute, in consultation with the Department of External Affairs and with the advice of a number of organizations and individuals with special interest in the area, has arranged a seminar on Canada's relations with Latin America. It is being held this weekend from Friday, March 7, to Sunday, March 9, at the Guild Inn, Scarborough, Ontario.

A series of short working papers have been prepared both by officials within the Department of External Affairs and by non-governmental authorities who will be taking part in the seminar. Among the topics to be discussed are: How important to Canada is Latin America compared with other parts of the world? Should Canada's relations with Latin America be increasingly bilateral or multilateral or perhaps directly with regional groupings? In what ways can Canada best strengthen its trade and economic relations with Latin America? In what way can Canada best strengthen its cultural relations with Latin America? What should be the future level and nature of Canada's development assistance programmes for Latin America? In what ways can improvement be effected in the public information about Canada available in Latin America and vice versa? What role can non-governmental organizations and groups play in developing closer relations between Canada and Latin America and how can Government best facilitate their efforts? What consideration should guide Canada's long-term policies towards Latin America?