

## ARCTIC INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA

Brief to the Senate Special Committee  
on Science PolicyIntroduction

8. This paper sets forth the views of the Arctic Institute of North America which bear upon the study of science policy for Canada as set forth in the Order of Reference of the Special Committee of the Senate of Canada on Science Policy.
9. The Arctic Institute is a private, non-profit research organization incorporated in Canada by Act of Parliament in 1945 with the following purposes:
- a) To initiate, encourage, support and advance by financial grants or otherwise the objective study of arctic conditions and problems, including such as pertain to the natural sciences, sciences generally and communication;
  - b) To collect, arrange and preserve records and material relating to the arctic regions, and especially to such areas thereof as form part of or are contiguous to the Continent of North America;
  - c) To make such records and material available for pure and applied scientific use by properly qualified individuals and organizations, including governmental agencies;
  - d) To arrange for or to assist in the publication of reports, maps, charts and other documentary material relating to the arctic regions;
  - e) To establish and maintain close contact with other Arctic Institutes and organizations engaged in similar or related fields of study.
10. In the interpretation of its purposes the Institute has established that the term "arctic" includes alpine and antarctic and other areas with similar cold weather conditions, and that the terms "natural sciences, sciences generally and communication" include scientific, social, economic, administrative and educational matters.
11. The Institute was also incorporated in 1945 in the United States, now in Washington, D.C., the incorporation there being precisely similar to the Canadian Act of Parliament except for the necessary legal changes. The Institute Head Office is in Montreal and it has a branch office in