

There are four elements to this portion of the definition of threats to the security of Canada:

- 1) foreign-influenced activities;
- 2) within or relating to Canada;
- 3) detrimental to the interests of Canada, and are;
- 4) clandestine, deceptive or involve a threat to any person.

The British *Security Service Act, 1989* gives its Service a mandate to provide protection against activities of agents of foreign powers. The *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act* provides for a mandate in relation to acts of foreign interference. Such acts must be carried out on behalf of, directed or subsidized by, or undertaken in collaboration with a foreign power. The McDonald Commission proposed a definition of foreign-influenced activities similar to paragraph (b) of the present definition.

The Committee believes that paragraph (b) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada should be retained but with amendments to clarify the meaning of CSIS's mandate in this area. Despite recent worldwide political changes, there are still foreign-inspired activities that, while not amounting to espionage, sabotage or terrorism, merit the Service's attention.

The first problem with paragraph (b) is the use of the expression "foreign-influenced". There is no indication in the definition as to what is meant by these words. Foreign influence may be distant, indirect and unconscious and yet still fall within the ambit of activities subject to CSIS's attention. Both SIRC and the Canadian Bar Association recommend that the words "foreign-influenced" be replaced by "foreign-directed". The Committee agrees with this recommendation. This change in wording would require that there be some degree of conscious foreign control of the activities to be covered by this portion of the definition. The mere support of, or conscious or unconscious paralleling of, foreign ideas or activities will not suffice to fall within this portion of the definition if the Committee's recommendation is implemented.

RECOMMENDATION 6

The Committee recommends that paragraph (b) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada contained in section 2 of the *CSIS Act* be amended so that the words "foreign-influenced" are replaced by "foreign-directed".

The foreign-influenced activities covered by paragraph (b) must be within or relate to Canada. There is no problem in the requirement that such activities be within