

The Group made an important contribution to the analytical tasks underlying the recent review of Canada's foreign policy.

The *Security and Intelligence Liaison Division* deals with the security aspects of the Department's operations and is responsible for the conduct of liaison on security and intelligence matters.

The *Protocol Division* has three principal functions. One is to handle matters pertaining to the accreditation and appointment of foreign and Commonwealth representatives to Canada and of Canadian representatives to other countries. Another is to resolve questions concerning diplomatic privileges and immunities in respect both of foreign missions to Canada and Canadian missions abroad. The third main operation of this division is the planning, organization and management of royal, state and official visits to Canada and of the hospitality that attaches thereto.

The accreditation of ambassadors and high commissioners from abroad, the accreditation of Canadian representatives to other countries and the appointment of Canadian consular officers are the responsibility of the Accreditations Section. The Privileges and Immunities Section acts as a focus of liaison and consultation with Government authorities and with foreign and Commonwealth representatives in regard to all questions relating to privileges and immunities and other aspects of diplomatic relations covered by the Vienna Convention. As part of its function to facilitate the work of missions, the section also keeps diplomatic missions of other countries informed of relevant Canadian laws and regulations and helps them resolve problems arising from the application of such laws and regulations.

The Visits and Hospitality Section contains the Secretariat of the Government Hospitality Committee and thus provides a permanent basis for liaison and co-operation with the various Government departments in Ottawa and with provincial authorities in developing programs for major visits to Canada. The section also oversees the operation of the Government Guest House in Ottawa, which serves as a Government hospitality centre and a residence for some visiting dignitaries.

The Department provides administrative support for the *Special Research Bureau*.

The *Inspection Service*, which reports direct to the Under-Secretary, is responsible for carrying out systematic independent reviews and appraisals of departmental operations both at posts abroad and at headquarters. It seeks to assist all levels of management in the effective discharge of their responsibilities by furnishing them with objective analyses, appraisals, comments and recommendations. The Inspection Service endeavours, *inter alia*, to assess activities against objectives and performance against programs; to provide constructive and realistic recommendations for improvement in departmental operations at home and abroad; to ascertain the degree of compliance with established policies, plans and procedures and, on the other hand, to inform senior management of cases where adherence to these may not, in fact, contribute to departmental objectives. It co-operates with other departmental