

Division totalled 127. Immediately following this measure, the administrative staff of C.I.S. was absorbed into the Administrative Division of the Department. In the following months, a process of streamlining and rationalizing the personnel structure was pursued and the effort to regularize the Civil Service status of the staff moved forward. By December of 1947, the Information Division numbered 61, of which 14 were officers qualified in Civil Service categories, 8 former C.I.S. officers whose status had not then been finally determined, plus 39 in the senior and junior clerical grades.

It was not long before the amalgamation began to result in closer working relationships between the diplomatic and information staffs at home and abroad. Administrative overlapping was eliminated and the integration of certain common services was achieved.

Attached as an appendix (Appendix IIIA) is the first listing of the new, combined Information Division, showing the organization and allocation of duties within the Division. Two officers of the Department's old Information Division carried over into the new: L. A. D. Stephens and Gordon Riddell. It is interesting to note the names of the former C.I.S. officers who eventually became "despecialized" and occupied senior diplomatic or consular positions. In Ottawa, we see the names: