

of the relative autonomy of the W.I.B. was reflected in the provision: "C.I.S. shall have its own representatives at such points as it is thought advisable by the Supervisory Committee." Any unique authority of the Department of External Affairs for official representation abroad, therefore, was to be exerted only indirectly through that Department's membership in the Supervisory Committee. The section dealing specifically with relationships between the Department and the C.I.S. reads:

In view of the responsibility of the Department of External Affairs for Canada's external policy and the important bearing that information activities may have on that policy, it is essential, both at home and abroad, that there should be adequate exchange of information regarding external policy between the Department of External Affairs and C.I.S. In Ottawa this may be achieved through the Supervisory Committee, the Working Committee and by any special consultation between C.I.S. and officers of the Department on particular questions.

Abroad, as the representative of the Canadian Government, the Head of the mission is, of course, responsible for the direction of all Canadian policy and the general supervision of all activities of Canadian officials in the field of his mission. There should therefore naturally be complete mutual confidence between the head of mission and the C.I.S. representative.

The Department sent copies of the C.I.S. memorandum to all its posts covered by two departmental circular memoranda, one designed for posts where a C.I.S. office was in place, the other for posts with no C.I.S. representation. In the latter it was noted that it was "not probable that any new appointments to offices abroad will