

by an FSO, 2) omission of "Canadian" before "Information Services" as this would be inappropriate within a Government Department, 3) constitution of an Inter-departmental Committee with an External Affairs Chairman, 4) the implication that Information Officers are distinct from FSOs.

On December 27, 1946, Mr. Pearson gave his Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, a memorandum on the proposed amalgamation in much the terms recorded by Mr. MacDermot.⁽²⁴⁾ In a brief note to Mr. Heeney of January 2, 1947, Mr. Pearson noted that this memorandum had "been returned to me by Mr. St. Laurent without comment, which indicates, I suppose, that he approves of it. I suppose the next step now is that the Ministers should get together and that questions should be brought up at the Cabinet meeting. Would it be possible to do this next week?"

Mr. Pearson also agreed with Mr. Matthews, the Chief Administrative Officer, that, in view of the short time available, the estimates proposed for C.I.S. by the Privy Council Office should be assumed holus-bolus by External without revision although some appreciable savings in expenditure would probably be effected.

On January 7, 1947, a Minute of Cabinet⁽²⁵⁾ was issued stating that "approval was given to the amalgamation of the Canadian Information Service and