

The Press: What about timing? Is this going to be a long range thing?

Mr. Sharp: No, I would think that we could look forward to concluding it within the reasonably near future. There is a lot of preparation to be done, a great deal of planning and I do not think the first money would be spent for quite some time. There is no point in establishing a centre like this unless it is effective and unless it has the foremost experts on its staff and so on.

The Press: Mr. Sharp, do you foresee provincial participation in this International Development Centre, particularly Quebec participation?

Mr. Sharp: Well I would certainly hope that there would be many residents of Quebec who would be eligible.

The Press: Like participation by governments willing to participate?

Mr. Sharp: We had not really thought about that. I am sure that we would not mind if they wanted to. It would be very useful help, but we had not thought about that primarily, we would have thought of this as a Canadian initiative in which all parts of the country share.

The Press: Did you get an answer to your note to the French government?

Mr. Sharp: No, and I do not expect there will be. It did not require a reply and the Ambassador indicated to me the other day that he did not expect there would be any reply.