

Co-ordination Section and the earlier and less active press office. Considering the importance attached to the function of press relations in this Department by the Minister, the Department generally, the press and the Glassco Commission, I think the most serious consideration should be given to divesting Press and Liaison Division of its "Liaison" functions and permitting the press office to concentrate on the very important and sensitive field of press relations. This separation of functions (together with some accretion of strength) should permit the press office to give single-minded attention to its demanding tasks, undistracted by the quite separate, though thoroughly important activities of liaison with CBC(I.S.) and our posts abroad. (Though consultation and advice on strictly press activities abroad would still require attention from the press office.) As a consequence, I would advocate the liaison functions be allocated to the Information Division and I discuss in a separate chapter the advantages of this arrangement of duties for Information Division and the supply of information abroad. A further advantage of concentrating uniquely on the press activities in the one unit is that a confused and confusing title is eliminated and the press corps may be more readily convinced that the Department takes their needs seriously and has taken steps to provide suitable machinery uniquely tailored to their interests.