

### 12.1.2 Strategy B

Strategy B assumes an evolutionary path. It is assumed that integration of various functions will be left until later in the project and that communications will initially be similar to the current system (batch transmissions overnight within Canada, and physical transportation of disks for foreign missions). The Master Index remains centralized. The focus is on separate "stand alone" MRP systems with enhanced PCL checking and local guarantor checking in the short to medium term. This strategy assumes the technical goals are:

- Maintain MRP systems as key to passport production with expanded PCL checking and local guarantor checking for the short to medium term.
- Utilize biometric data for production of passports by 1994/1995.
- Electronic archiving of biometric data will be required in conjunction with use in passport production.
- In the medium to long term, provide on-line access of data bases from regions and missions and transmission of MRP data to update the Master Index.
- Provide access to external data bases (Federal and Provincial vital statistics, police, immigration, etc.) and controlled access to Passport Office data bases for other departments and agencies.
- Imaging of documents and electronic "workflow", as distinct from biometrics capture, is treated as a long range goal.
- Electronic archiving of imaged documents will be required in conjunction with its use in passport application processing.