

The initiative of the government to stimulate and encourage cooperation through this project has received favorable responses from Canada, Western Europe and Japan. However, this activity, it must be remembered, was initially designed as a prototype to determine the feasibility of such endeavors. There is therefore an important need for adequate follow-up to these efforts and to provide the necessary support for the pursuit of immediate opportunities. In addition, a longer term goal should be the specification and implementation of strategies for Canada which will stimulate key areas of basic and applied research in information technology.