

The travel funds for the science and technology counsellors and technology acquisition officers would be used to bring some of them back to Canada each year to participate in suitable gathering of industry groups and to visit organizations in Canada in order to increase contact between the personnel abroad and potential clients in Canada.

Summary

The tasks of the home base are

- a. to provide support for the science and technology offices abroad in concert with the geographic bureaux;
- b. to prepare, through the use of an advisory committee, an annual prioritized "shopping list" of our technological information needs from abroad;
- c. to assess information received from abroad, to distribute this information making use of existing domestic channels and to maintain an institutional memory, through the use of a computer data base, of these reports and follow-up activities based on them;
- d. to promote the use of the network by small and medium-sized Canadian companies through a selective "marketing" programme;
- e. to manage the use of the funds set aside to support foreign technology acquisition activities by the private sector (see following section).