

countries around the world. The story of program execution in the "firing-line," of what happened at the sharp end of communication campaigning, is not told here and, in many ways, that would be more likely to appeal to interest and imagination than a catalogue of bureaucratic considerations and decisions. Moreover, the eventual information work by diplomatic and consular posts was the object of all the headquarters planning and organizing and was the end product of the system.

Historical treatment of the information and cultural programs carried out by posts abroad would be a valuable addition to departmental knowledge of its past and could provide some signposts to the future. The wealth of recorded activity in the United States, Britain and France would merit separate treatment of the information activities of posts in those countries of major importance for Canada; but valuable and interesting research could also be undertaken in the activity records in Germany, Japan, Mexico and some other countries.

A separate and distinct line of research into information and cultural activities abroad would reveal valuable information: a record on a functional, rather