

afraid that if the CIIA were to accept the partnership proposal, this criticism would sharpen. They also questioned whether from the technical standpoint an arrangement of the kind suggested would work.

There is no doubt that what these representatives of the CIIA would really like us to do is drop our scheme and either subsidize them further so that they could produce a higher quality "International Canada" more quickly or give the CIIA the contract to do the whole record -- official and non-official -- with of course an enlarged grant. In view of the in-built strategic position External occupies in regard to collecting official material from our own and other departments I think most of us would consider it quite inadvisable to employ an outside body to do something I'm sure we can do better.

I should add that the CIIA officials are more than ever convinced that if we bring out an official record "International Canada" will die. They maintain further that even if they were to cooperate with us on a joint record, the ultimate product would not fulfill the function that "International Canada," as they see it, performs now: i.e. provide a bird's eye view of Canadian foreign policy developments for the general reader as contrasted to the specialists, but at the same time provides a record of value to those specialists.