

(1) Subject coverage: In general terms there are two approaches that might be taken to the setting of subject bounds for the data base. One would be to select a narrow range of subjects of particular interest to the Department and to undertake to cover these in some considerable depth. Such a list might include Canadian policies on or interests in the following subjects:

- Raw materials and natural resources
- Energy
- Food
- Defence
- Arms trade
- Nuclear proliferation and disarmament
- Technology
- Foreign investment
- Multinational corporations
- Trade
- Finance
- Population and demography
- Economic and military aid
- Transportation and communications
- Environmental issues
- Regionalism and nationalism
- Multinational institutions
- Law of the sea
- Arctic sovereignty
- Terrorism

An alternative approach would be to encompass a much broader range of subjects but not to attempt to provide such exhaustive or in depth coverage. For example, the list of subject headings used by the Department's newspaper clipping service includes approximately 150 specific subjects plus entries under individual countries and geographic areas. While this list itself is not necessary relevant to the data base being considered, it does give some indication of the range of topics that have