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DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Documents - Three practices which discouraged Canadian participation in certain parts of the UNESCO programme require attention:
 - (a) The frequent use of questionnaires for eliciting information often discouraged organizations and individuals who were short of time and staff. While the difficulty is recognized of designing a questionnaire to meet the different conditions existing in all Member States, it has been found that the questions were frequently so general and broad in scope, or so vaguely phrased, that they defeated their own purpose.
 - (b) Insufficient time is allowed for collection and co-ordination of information requested for some projects. Canadian organizations interested in UNESCO's programme are dispersed over such an area and the decentralization of competence in many of the projects is such that it is impossible to secure full and well-integrated participation in the time allocated.
 - (c) Some communications and documents from UNESCO were forwarded directly to individuals and organizations in Canada, rather than to the Department of External Affairs. The failure to follow a clearly defined channel of communication caused some confusion and dissatisfaction.
2. Publications - A UNESCO Publications Committee was formed in December 1952. Members of the Committee forward copies of all UNESCO publications to the interested Canadian authority with a request for a review of the publication. The reviews are published periodically in a bilingual bulletin, UNESCO REVIEW (Canada), which is distributed to a large number of individuals and organizations interested in the UNESCO programme. The purpose of this bulletin is dissemination of information about UNESCO and the stimulation of sales of UNESCO publications in Canada.