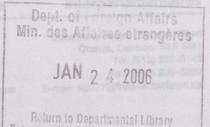


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Background

On July 18. Exchange was some U.S. legislation and had been excenses completed by Marc

Report on Visit to Canada Great Lakes Issues

Whith the change from a grant to a contribution agreement during the noter real 1995-95, the Centre had worked out procedures with efficiels at headquarters in Othere and the Canadian Embersy in Washington for consultation about paraible contents and, particularly women staff were involved, shout possible invitees.

Determining me topics for visits took considerable time and effort on both sides. Once the agreement had been signed, the Centre initiated discussions with the Department about possible visits, dates, participants and size of groups. Considerable time was spent determining how visits locused on bilateral assues might help to build avantables of Canadian foreign policy issues among U.S. legislators.

in early October the Ceneritan Employsy determined that it would be preterable to organize the major visit on Great Lakes issues the would use approximately threequarters of the funding rather than a number of estatler visits. Organity, this topic had been undertaken on visit. However, Embasely officials had concluded that the timing was not suitable as the federal and provincial governments were still working out a common approach to verious issues.

The Centro has had a long involvement in organizing visits on results relating to the Great Lakes, steroing with a 1985 bilateral visit to Budington, Teronto and Mackinac. This was followed in 1989 with another pilateral visit to Windsor and Detroit and a further bilateral visit in 1991 to Budbec City. Shortly after the 1984 congressional elections, the Centre also componented a Roundtable on the Greet Lakes for U.S. and Canadian legislators in Westlington D.C. in January 1995.

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