

Carleton University political scientists, you'll remember, came the suggestion that External should contract the CIIA, or some other body, to prepare an analysis of non-official opinion, and incorporate this as a part -- though a separate and well-identified part -- of any record we might produce.

Since our September meeting I have tried to ascertain whether the CIIA would be willing to enter into such an arrangement. I have discussed the matter with the same three CIIA officials I visited six weeks ago in Toronto: Bob Reford, national president of the Institute; Mrs. Marion Magee, the assistant editor of "International Canada" and a staff member of the CIIA; and Rod Byers, associate Dean of Arts at York University and chairman of the CIIA's Research Committee. I have also consulted Peter Dobell, whose Parliamentary Centre here does the initial editing of "International Canada".

There is a great reluctance on the part of all of those mentioned to commit themselves on the issue of a partnership with a government department in this matter, or -- until we come forward with a definite proposal -- to sound out the views of the CIIA's directors, either formally or informally. The Institute has already been criticized by some of its directors and supporters for accepting the present government subsidy of \$50,000 on grounds that this undermines its position as an independent body. The four individuals mentioned above were