

however, such use has by and large been restricted to private use via home satellite dishes and the provision of retransmission services in a small number of isolated northern communities. However, the U.S. government has stronger opposed the delivery by CANCOM of U.S. network broadcast signals to Canadian cable operator in the west and northern areas of Canada.

U.S. satellite stations are now experimenting with the use of coded signals which would provide a technological solution to their perceived problem. While retransmission of satellite signals in Canada would not appear to be a large issue in current economic terms, the U.S. would, presumably like assurances that this will not change in the future. Explicit treatment in the new Copyright Act now under consideration plus Canadian accession to the Brussels Satellite Convention would be desirable from the American point of view. With the exception, possibly, of northern communities, substantial opposition is not expected within Canada.

Plant Breeders Rights

The final item in the list of issues which could be raised by the Americans in initial discussion is plant