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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 88 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

POST : 618-MINNEAPOLIS

013-CONSUMER PRODUCTS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

APPAREL (CLOTH, FUR, SHOES) TEXT

FOLLOW UP WITH 1987 FESTIVAL OF CDN. FASHION WITH DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN TO KEY CLOTHING BUYERS AND SHOW F. O. C. F. VIDEOTAPE.

CANADIAN FASHION IN-STORE PROMOTION AT CEDRIC'S (OCT. 15 THROUGH NOV. 15, 1987).

RECRUIT BUYERS FOR 1988 FESTIVAL OF CANADIAN FASHION (TORONTO, MARCH, 1988).

WORK IN COOPERATION WITH NY CONGEN TO INFORM KEY BUYERS IN MNPLS. TERRITORY OF CDN. SHOWROOMS AND REPS BASED IN NY.

ASSESS FEASIBILITY OF APPAREL NEBS MISSIONS AND CDN. FASHION EXHIBIT AT CONSULATE.

GENERATE DIRECTORY OF RETAILERS IN MNPLS. POST TERRITORY.

LEISURE PROD. TOOLS HARDWARE

DIRECT MAIN CAMPAIGN TO KEY HARDWARE BUYERS TO PROMOTE CDN. HARD-WARE TRADE SHOW IN TORONTO (FEB. 1988)

DIRECT MAIL/TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN TO KEY SPORTING GOODS BUYERS TO PROMOTE CSGA SHOW (MONTREAL, FEB. 1988). ALSO RECRUIT BUYERS FOR INCOMING MISSION.

COMPILE DIRECTORY OF HARDWARE RETAILERS IN POST TERRITORY.

MEET INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP WITH HARDWARE/HOUSEWARE KEY CONTACTS (REPS AND BUYERS) TO ACCESS MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF REACHING THE LOCAL TRADE.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WINNIPEG FURNT. WEST ORGAN., DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROG. TO ADVANCE THE EXPORT READINESS OF WESTERN CON RESIDENTIAL FURNT. MFGRS. OVER THE NEXT 5 YRS. TO INCLUDE SURVEYS, SEMINARS, NEBS MISS., INCOMING BUYERS, TRADE SHOWS.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

INCREASE BUYER AWARENESS OF CDN. FASHION.

PROMOTE SALES OF CDN. FASHION AND FURS TO CONSUMERS.

PROMOTE SALES OF CDN. CLOTHING (ESPECIALLY "DESIGNER" FASHION).

EXPAND MARKETING RANGE FOR CDN. CLOTHING EXPORTERS. PROMOTE SALES OF CDN. FASHION.

PROVIDE CDN. CLOTHING MFCTRS. WITH MULTIPLE WAYS TO START EXPORTING.

PROVIDE LIST TO DISTRIBUTE TO CDN. MFCTRS. LOOKING TO SELL IN TERRITORY. ALSO, USE FOR TARGETED MAILINGS BY POST.

PROMOTE EXPOSURE AND SALES OF CDN. HARDWARE PRODUCTS TO LOCAL TRADE.

INCREASE SALES OF CDN. SPORTING GOODS RELATED PRODUCTS IN POST TERRITORY.

SINGLE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR POST'S USE AS WELL AS THAT OF NEW AND ESTABLISHED CDN. EXPORTERS.

WILL TREMENDOUSLY HELP OUR EFFORTS IN PLAN-NING HARDWARE/BUILDING PRODUCTS REP LOCATOR.

ENHANCED COMPETITIVENESS, PENETRATION OF NW U.S. MARKET.