

(2) It could be used in determining the propaganda line that should be adopted in speeches in the United Nations and elsewhere, in broadcasts by the C.B.C. International Service, etc.

(3) Factual material might be used in speeches, radio programmes, etc.

(4) The information might be used in the preparation of articles on conditions in the USSR and satellite countries, for publication in Canada.

(5) Special kinds of information might be made available to anti-communist foreign language newspapers in Canada.

(6) Background information could be made available to the C.B.C. International Service.

(7) Certain types of information might be of interest to other departments of government.

I think that we should envisage the establishment eventually of a research division which would include the political and economic intelligence files, the library and possibly the old non-active files, or some of them. The research division would be staffed by foreign service officers whose duty would be to prepare memoranda or articles for propaganda purposes and, at the request of any division of the department, to dig up information on any subject that might be required.

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#### SECTION E

DÉTENTION DE WELD ET CLABON  
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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
aux chefs de poste à l'étranger  
Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Heads of Post Abroad*

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Ottawa, February 9, 1948

SECRET

Sir,

You have already been advised in the Minutes of the Meetings of the Heads of Divisions† and in Press Releases Nos. 63† and 64† of November 21st and November 24th respectively of the detention on November 12th, 1947, of Mr. J.D.M. Weld and Captain A.W. Clabon of the Canadian Military Mission, Berlin, by the Soviet authorities after these officers had crossed into the Soviet-administered part of former East Prussia on their return journey from Warsaw to Berlin.

2. In a note to the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, dated November 23rd,† the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the investigation made by the Soviet authorities into this incident showed that Mr. Weld and Captain Clabon had entered the territory of the Soviet Union illegally. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs pro-