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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN STATES

The External Aid Office in co-operation with this Department is currently engaged in planning allocations for the 1962-63 fiscal year under the Canadian Programme of Educational Assistance to French-Speaking States of Africa. In accordance with your instructions sent from Geneva† these plans are based on the original annual amount of \$300,000 decided upon by the Government last year.

2. It is considered that an important factor for the success of this scheme is to consult closely regarding its operation with the extra-governmental bodies in Canada on which the Government must rely for assistance. As you know at a meeting held last July the Advisory Committee established to assist in the programme's development agreed to set up a working group drawn from organizations represented on the main committee to undertake preparatory work for the committee as circumstances required. The working group in question was to consist of appropriate representatives of Federal Government Departments, of Provincial Governments with particular emphasis on the Province of Quebec, of representatives of the Canadian universities (through the Canadian Universities Foundation) and of representatives of Canadian French language educational organizations. As neither this group nor the main committee have been called together since last July, and as plans for the programme's operation for the next fiscal year are now under way, it is the intention to call an early meeting of the smaller working group in order to inform them of progress so far achieved and to consult with them regarding plans for the future. This meeting of the working group could be followed at a later date by a plenary meeting of the Advisory Committee.

3. As you know, Mr. Marcel Cadieux who is Chairman of the Advisory Committee and who has been most closely associated with the programme at the Under-Secretary level, will be absent from Ottawa from April 19 to July 9 while attending meetings of the International Law Commission in Geneva. As his presence at meetings of both the working group and the Advisory Committee is considered essential, plans have been made to convene the working group in Ottawa on Wednesday, April 11 before Mr. Cadieux's departure. The principal reasons for calling such a meeting are as follows:

(a) To elicit the goodwill and co-operation of educational bodies and provincial governments (especially those of Quebec) whose co-operation is required for the successful execution of the