

directly to the Under-Secretary's office and to use its Chief as the principal assistant of the Under-Secretary, but I am not sure of this. I think that UNESCO will consume a good deal of departmental time and energy and it is important from your point of view that this should be directed by a fairly senior person of very sound judgment since activities of this nature touch many agencies in Canada with which we do not normally have much to do. I feel that you should give consideration to the problems of this division fairly soon. The question of C.I.S. I shall deal with in a separate note.

The Passport Office has already undergone some re-organization, but this has only just begun. A departmental committee under Wershof is revising passport regulations and procedures in order to fit the terms of the Citizenship Act. This is a matter of high urgency as everything must be approved in time to reach our Missions abroad before the Act comes into effect on January 1, 1947. That is a separate question, however, from the normal administration of the Passport Office and I think we should take action on the general lines of the recommendations made by Sivertz. If any satisfactory solution of the space problem comes into sight it ought to include the physical integration of the Passport Office with the department so as to permit closer supervision. Without this, however, I favour the appointment of a Chief of a Passport Division or Passport and Visa Division, who would have more time and greater responsibility for passport matters.

I am sure that the objective should be to interpose two or three senior officers between the Under-Secretary and Chiefs of Division, who would be responsible for supervising groups of divisions and would be the principal advisers of the Under-Secretary. I think it also important that the Minister should, on certain questions, deal directly with Chiefs of Division and not always through the Under-Secretary and I am sure Mr. St. Laurent would fall in with this. This would mean some saving in the Under-Secretary's time until we are in a position to strengthen the higher direction of the department.

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PROPOSAL TO APPOINT CIVIL AIR ATTACHÉS
AT CANADIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

I do not think there is much to be said for this proposal at the present time. Present experience with civil air matters indicates that this work can be handled satisfactorily by a Foreign Service officer on the staff of our Missions, and so far as I know at no Mission is it a full-time job, or approximately so.