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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today presented Mr. L.D. Wilgress with the initial instalment of a Canadian government grant of \$4000.00 to the Atlantic Institute. The Atlantic Institute, on whose Board of Governors Mr. Wilgress serves, is a non-governmental research organisation supporting NATO and the concept of an Atlantic community, and has its headquarters in Paris.

There have been several initiatives in recent years toward the establishment of an Atlantic Institute, and in 1959 the NATO Parliamentarians Organisation undertook to co-ordinate the various existing interested groups supporting this project. As a result, the Institute began operations in 1961, temporarily in Milan and now in Paris. The Institute consists of a small research staff to carry out or to direct long-term studies on the future of the Atlantic community and its current position in the world today.

The Institute will rely primarily on raising funds from private sources for its continuing financial support. Canadian and other member governments of NATO have provided token grants to assist the Institute to begin operation.