

a consensus in a spirit of partnership. Otherwise, our respective activities will be competitive rather than complementary and we will not reach our main goal. It is in this spirit of partnership that I invite the Council to cooperate with us in our new endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.

With regard to the sections of the questionnaire requiring only a verbal descriptive response, we assume that this will not present a problem. What the Committee wishes to suggest as an overall guideline is that you concentrate on that part of the response which illustrates the existing process of science policy making and its implementation; the Committee will value your comments or judgments concerning future changes which would improve that process.

In addition, the Committee would like to present a report to the Council on this file. The report you will see in the copy of that document which I have enclosed. The Committee has received a new report on the progress of the work of the Council on Science and Technology in Canada. The Committee is pleased to consider the report on Canadian government and other agencies on scientific activities and matters related thereto.

Although these reports of progress could cover almost anything pertaining to science policy, our report makes it clear that we are not intending to cover a comprehensive survey of the entire field. The report, however, contains a number of items which would like to concentrate on. These are in the form of a list of items which are being followed by the Council. You will soon receive a separate letter which is accompanied by a special questionnaire, regarding your views and activities in this area.

The two other items indicate our intention to revisit the scene of science policy in the light of the proposals that were put forward in Volumes 2 and 3 published in 1972 and 1973.