

As for terms of reference, I would suggest that they be left very broad in order that the Committee may have a free hand to explore the whole field. Perhaps something like this might do:

“The Committee is directed to examine the relationship of the External Affairs Service and the Commercial Intelligence Service, and to prepare recommendations designed to improve the efficiency of Canadian representation abroad.”

Yours sincerely,

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*Procès-verbal d'une réunion du Comité interministériel pour
étudier les relations entre les Affaires extérieures
et le bureau des renseignements commerciaux*

*Minutes of a Meeting of the Interdepartmental Committee
to Study Relations between External Affairs and
the Commercial Intelligence Service*

Ottawa, November 11, 1943

Present:

Department of Trade and Commerce

O. Master
H. W. Cheney
C. M. Croft
F. Sim

Department of External Affairs

J. E. Read (Chairman)
H. L. Keenleyside
W. D. Matthews
K. B. Bingay

1. Mr. Read stated that there were two memoranda[†] before the meeting — Dr. Keenleyside's, which advocated amalgamation of the two services, and the memorandum prepared in the Department of Trade and Commerce, which advocated close coordination, short of amalgamation. Mr. Read asked Dr. Keenleyside to elaborate his points, in the light of discussions held in London and in the United States.

2. Dr. Keenleyside said he had discussed the question of coordination or amalgamation with Mr. Hickerson of the State Department, and that the latter was strongly for complete unification. The U.S. had gone a long way towards amalgamation of the State Department, the diplomatic service, and the consular and trade services. In theory, the amalgamation was complete. In practice, it was