

and hopefully qualify thereby for a Canada Council grant.

This suggestion met with no support from either Bob Reford or Mrs. Magee. The latter maintained it would be wrong in principle to tailor a publication to certain specifications in the hope of getting a grant. In her opinion also, it would mean higher production costs: paying a high-priced editor and a name writer to provide comment that would attract subscribers. And neither she nor Bob Reford thought that the CIIA's directors would go for the idea.

Both doubted that in the event of our producing a record, any decision would be taken immediately regarding "*International Canada's*" fate. In a year and a half to two years, they believed, the matter would resolve itself one way or the other.

There is no doubt, however, that they feel the publication of an official record would likely hasten "*International Canada's*" demise. As Mrs. Magee remarked, librarians don't have much money to purchase publications, and if it came to a choice they would almost certainly plump for the official record which presumably External could produce more cheaply than could the CIIA its "*International Canada*".

Nevertheless, as I've indicated, there was no disposition on the part of any of the CIIA officials to criticize External for tentatively considering putting out its own record. All three acknowledged unhesitatingly that an official policy record would be of inestimable value to scholars, as well as to External and other federal departments.

But like so many of the people I have talked with in External and outside it, they would hope that if "*International Canada*" dies, some way