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REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Mr. Gerald Baldwin has been asked to review the practices and procedures of the Department of External Affairs in administering its responsibilities under the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act. Mr. Baldwin, a former M.P., was instrumental in the preparation of the Access to Information and Privacy legislation that came into force on July 1, 1983.

Mr. Baldwin's report, to be submitted by February 1, 1986, will provide timely advice to Mr. Clark in connection with the three-year review of the legislation to be undertaken by Parliament before July 1, 1986.