

### Telecommunications

The Telecommunications Division is responsible for the operational and technical activities of the Canadian diplomatic Communications System, which provides for the despatch and receipt of messages by telegraph, diplomatic courier and diplomatic mail facilities between Ottawa and posts. It also arranges for the provision of telephone service at headquarters and at posts, conducts training courses for communicators, technicians and other departmental personnel, and is responsible for purchasing, leasing, installing and maintaining all communications equipment and services used throughout the system. Liaison with other departments and agencies that employ these facilities is a further responsibility.

During 1968, efforts were continued to expand and modernize telecommunications services at Ottawa and posts, with particular emphasis given to the improvement of facilities at posts in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.