

senior officer, probably an assistant under-secretary. There will also be an inter-departmental committee including representatives of External Affairs, National Defence, C.B.C., Economic Warfare, and any domestic information agencies that might be set up. This inter-departmental committee would advise the Secretary of State for External Affairs on matters of policy.

The organization within the department would be responsible for operations, for liaison with corresponding agencies in other countries, for liaison with the military authorities, etc. The operating agencies would be the International Service of the C.B.C. and the Information Division of External Affairs. The production facilities of any domestic information organizations that might be established would doubtless be utilized.

We should emphasize that the above represents only the trend of our thinking. No decisions have been adopted as yet. It goes without saying that our activities in the field of psychological warfare would have to be on a very limited scale as we have only one shortwave transmitter.

I should be grateful if you would ascertain from Mr. Snow whether there is any information that he can give us in addition to that contained in despatch No. 2719 of December 9th, from the Embassy in Washington. † In particular we should like to know when it would be worth while for me to go to Washington to discuss matters with the appropriate people there.

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*Memorandum from Information Division  
to Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

[Ottawa], December 18, 1948

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT

I sent you a note a couple of days ago regarding my proposal for the establishment within the department of a political and economic intelligence section. The question naturally arises, What use would be made of the material that an intelligence section would collect?

My proposal was made with the needs of psychological and economic warfare primarily in mind. I therefore suggest that a start might be made by building up a set of files on the USSR and each of the satellite countries. It would be desirable to add files on the other European countries as quickly as possible.

I think that the information might be used in the following ways:

(1) It would be held in reserve for psychological and economic warfare.