

abroad - heads of state, prime ministers, foreign ministers; joint communiqués; a listing of the more important international conferences; senior appointments within the foreign service, including No. 2's, who often act as chargés; treaty information; and once a year the highlights of the Department's annual budget, and the foreign aid grants of all departments,

In addition, it would seem to me that we might take a leaf from the U.S. State Department's weekly bulletin and include important statements made by our Canadian representatives at the U.N.

With reference to Statements and Speeches, our Chairman (Mr. Pearson) considers that either full texts should be used, or extracts, but not summaries. Extracts must of course be carefully selected if they are not to distort by omission, but at least they contain the original wording used. From the historians' point of view this is essential. The dangers inherent in summaries are obvious.

I might note here that our present publication, Statements and Speeches, doesn't contain all statements covered by press releases; hence as a record it isn't complete. And the academics get only the Statements and Speeches, not the press releases.

Referring again to the contents, there are many points that would have to be decided. For instance, I have been asked would the record contain Defence Department statements involving foreign policy aspects? In regard to major international conferences, could the conference agendas be included? For some reason, university researchers digging into past events, seem to have had difficulty in obtaining them. And what about foreign aid programs?