

- a) facilitate contacts between Canadian firms and foreign innovators;
 - b) point to developments of value to Canadian industry in these fields.
2. The information gathered through this system should be kept and used in our posts and at headquarters.
- a) In our posts abroad, the technology attaché must obviously work with the trade services, which are responsible for facilitating contacts between Canadian enterprises and firms in the country of accreditation and making use of those contacts. (Note that we are referring here to importation rather than exportation, although the parties involved are sometimes the same.)
 - b) The network must be backed by a base in Ottawa. Setting up a base involves not only our Department, but DRIE, MOSST and NRC, whose task it will be to disseminate information and put Canadian companies in contact with foreign sources. (We intend to contract out this particular study.)
3. At home, the sometimes very active role of the provinces in industrial development of research must be taken into account. We intend to alert the provincial services that provide support for research and innovation (centres of strength) and to establish links with them through the "home base."

Consultations

7. The Working Group has consulted informally at the working level with officials of NRC, DRIE, MOSST, and the Science Council, as well as with two of the private contractors that carried out the surveys of users for the Science Council study. We have also launched discussions with TFB and EFB on the links between this new service to be provided for Canadian industry and the trade services; these discussions will be pursued further. It is intended to consult in the near future with other interested