

the views of all other interested government departments and am referring a copy of our correspondence to the Chairman of the Security Panel for his information.

Yours sincerely,
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POLITICAL WARFARE

A meeting was held Friday, April 16, at 3.00 p.m. in Room 205 of the East Block. The following were present:

L.B. Pearson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
A.D. Dunton, Chairman, Board of Governors of the C.B.C.
E. Reid
G. de T. Glazebrook
R.G. Riddell
J.B.C. Watkins
S. Rae
G.C. Crean
G.H. Southam
M. Cadieux

A. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IN COUNTRIES DOMINATED BY COMMUNIST RÉGIMES

Mr. Pearson stated that in view of the existing international situation, it is now necessary to examine whether steps should be taken to disseminate information concerning Canada in communist dominated countries and to ensure that such information is presented in a suitable form, e.g., in line with the general objectives of our external policy. For instance, the C.B.C. should not give the impression, through their broadcasts to Czechoslovakia, that Canada is prepared to continue normal trade relations with that country under their present régime.

2. It seems clear that the only means which is now available to disseminate information in the countries under reference is, for all practical purposes, the international service of the C.B.C. Facilities for the distribution of films or printed material there are negligible. The question arises, however, whether there would be a large enough audience for C.B.C. broadcasts in these countries. It was agreed that the missions in Washington and London should endeavour to obtain from the