

foreign information service in the ensuing years. As we shall see later, however, this was not to be the historical pattern that developed.

Proposed legislative basis for C.I.S.: From the start there had been some anxiety that perhaps the Order in Council establishing the C.I.S. might not have been supported by an adequate statutory basis which could underlie the payment of salaries and other expenditures. This concern stemmed principally from the Privy Council Office. Discussion of this project interdepartmentally would appear to have begun at the Seventh Meeting of the C.I.S. Supervisory Committee on March 13, 1946.⁽¹⁷⁾ The Chairman, Mr. Heeney, said that three versions of a draft Bill to establish a C.I.S. had been circulated and the third draft could be used for purposes of discussion. Mr. Heeney stated his understanding that Government policy was to follow one of two courses with respect to Orders in Council passed in wartime under the War Measures Act. When an agency had been set up under such an Order in Council and its functions were to be continued, a decision was required whether it would be given a statutory basis or whether its functions would be transferred to other agencies. It would not be consistent with Government policy to retain the information service on an emergency basis for it could not be regarded as a purely transitional agency. The Chairman