

General. Nor does it believe that the sub-committee would ask CSIS for information frequently. Such matters would be addressed through SIRC. Rather the Committee believes that the sub-committee's role would be primarily three-fold. First, it would review budgets and make recommendations concerning the Main Estimates to the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General or to such other committees as the House of Commons may consider necessary. Second, it would oversee the activities of SIRC and the Inspector General by reviewing their work plans and reports. Third, it would undertake reviews of a general nature regarding security and intelligence matters that would be of interest to Parliament.

RECOMMENDATION 108

The Committee recommends that the functions of the sub-committee be (1) to review the budgets of security and intelligence organizations with a view to providing reports to such committees as the House of Commons may determine; (2) to review the work undertaken by SIRC and the Inspector General; and (3) to undertake reviews of a general nature regarding security and intelligence matters.

RECOMMENDATION 109

The Committee recommends that the sub-committee be composed of five members.

The Committee believes further that the sub-committee will require its own full-time research and support staff to provide it with the advice it will need and to make its work effective. U.S. Congressional committees charged with reviewing the activities of the American security intelligence community have found this essential.

RECOMMENDATION 110

The Committee recommends that a small, expert, full-time research staff with its own administrative support staff be specially hired to conduct research and to analyze material under the direction of the sub-committee.

To ensure that proper security procedures are followed and to permit members of the sub-committee and staff to have access to all necessary documents and information, the Committee believes that staff of the sub-committee should be security cleared and placed under an appropriate oath.