BASIC COUNTRY DATA

ANTIGUA

Area: 280 Km2 (170½ sq. miles) includes Barbuda and Redonda

Population: 76,138 (mid-1981 proj.)
Annual rate of growth (1976-81): + 1.3%

Capital: St. John's

Head of Gov't: Premier Vere C. Bird

Exchange Rate: Since July 1976 the Eastern Caribbean Dollar has been aligned with the US dollar: US $1 - EC$2.70

Gross Domestic Product (at current market prices): US $91.5 million (1980); US $107.3 million (1981e)

GDP per capita: US $1409 (1981)

International Political and Economic Affiliations: CARICOM, CDB, UN, OAS, IMF, IBRD, GATT

External Public Debt: US $57.6 million (at December 31, 1981)

Debt Service/Exports Ratio: 1.6% (1978)

(US ($'s millions)	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981 proj.
Merchandise exports (fob)	6.6	12.6	10.2	27.7	33.6
Merchandise imports (cif)	40.5	46.3	73.1	113.0	139.3

Main Exports: clothing, rum, cotton, lobsters, corn and sorghum. In 1981, manufactured exports accounted for 69% of domestic exports.

Main Imports (1981): food and live animals (34%), fuel and lubricants and related material (12%), machinery and transport equipment (21%), manufactured goods (22%).

Canada-Antigua Trade Relations: Trade relations are governed by the Canada-CARICOM Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement signed on January 20, 1979. Canadian exports to Antigua are subject to the CARICOM Common External Tariff. Antiguan exports to Canada are subject to the Commonwealth Preferential Tariff, the GPT, or the Most Favoured Nation Rate, depending on the tariff item applicable to the export. Provision has been made for double taxation relief as regards Canada.