

political divisions. From the point of view of security management it is, of course, convenient to have whole non-classified areas of activity in the Department where general access need not be controlled or restrictive but I cannot think this is a governing consideration. Accordingly, I would recommend that the "liaison" functions currently performed by the Press & Liaison Division be transferred to the Information Division intact. I have already discussed benefits for the press office which might be expected from this transfer but the benefit for the Information Division would be much greater. The liaison function itself is part of the infrastructure of the information programme abroad and logically belongs in the headquarters unit established for this purpose and this purpose alone. The injection of this policy information strain into the bloodstream of Information Division would have a generally stimulating effect and much of the consciousness of conducting a current, "political" activity would brush off on officers doing the normal background information work and invest this work with a sense of direction and significance which has not been characteristic. The liaison work would carry with it positions for two experienced FSO's who should bolster the structure of the Division and give the divisional head valuable, additional support.

12. To strengthen the Division in the direction of greater expertise in the field of public information, I believe the Department should seek the services of two or three Public Information Officers to be recruited by the Civil Service Commission either from a current competition or a future competition tailored to our needs. New blood of this sort might well lead our