It is expected that an announcement on this issue will be forthcoming in the following months. Management did report that it is prepared to consult and discuss this issue with the staff associations, with a view to exchanging ideas and proposals as they relate to this Department.

10. Other Business:

a) Diplomatic Mail Facilities.

Management reported that inspections are being conducted of the contents of diplomatic bags to ensure that there is no misuse of this facility. Telegrams have been sent to all posts advising them of the individual responsibility and implications of sending unauthorized articles via diplomatic bag.

b) Transfer of Grains Marketing Board to Agriculture Canada and Proposed Decentralization of CIDA.

The staff associations raised concerns regarding the transfer of the Grains Marketing Board and the proposed decentralization of CIDA.

The staff associations requested consultation on these matters. Management reported that the implications of these proposals were being assessed and will follow-up on this question.

11. Next Meeting:

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting of the EAJC for Wednesday, December 2, 1987, at 2:30 p.m.