

Appendix A

ARCTIC INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA

Brief to the Senate Special Committee
on Science PolicyThe History, Organization and Activities of
The Arctic Institute of North AmericaOrigins

1. The Institute was founded in 1944 and incorporated in 1945 by Act of Parliament in Canada. It is a Canadian corporation in the full sense of this phrase; it is private and non-profit, and hence classed as "Charitable" for taxation purposes in Canada. The founders numbered thirty-eight in all, of whom eighteen were Canadian, eighteen American, one British and one Danish. Among the Canadians were such notable names as J. Robert Beattie, then Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, Dr. Charles Camsell, then Deputy Minister, Department of Mines and Resources and Commissioner N.W.T., Philip A. Chester, then General Manager Hudson's Bay Company, Dr. Raymond Gushue, then Chairman, Fishery Products Committee, International Emergency Food Council, Arnold D.P. Heeny, then Clerk of the Privy Council, Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, then Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, then President, National Research Council. It is interesting that with such a weighting of senior government officials, the founders always contemplated a private institution which would have the closest possible relations with other similar organizations both within North America or abroad and whether private or governmental, and yet would be independent.

Control and Management

2. The Institute was also incorporated in the State of New York in 1945; the official document enacting this was precisely similar to the Canadian Act in all but the legal details. The U.S. Corporation was moved to Washington, D.C. in 1967. There is one Board, one group of Officers comprising an Executive of the Board, one set of policy and control committees. The Board meets twice annually as the Canadian corporation, then dissolves and in one simple motion decrees that the deliberations of the Canadian corporation are applicable to the American. In the exercise