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W. R. Hines

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Interdepartmental Committee on Copyright Report to the  
Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs

Attached is a draft memorandum to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which sets out the various considerations involved in establishing a Canadian position in respect of the forthcoming international meetings. You will note that while the present situation is primarily a result of the LDC's efforts to obtain freer access to copyrighted material, any revisions in existing international conventions to meet this problem have broad implications for other countries. As far as Canada is concerned, the forthcoming meetings may provide a rare opportunity to push for a new multi-level convention within which we will be able to determine the level of protection best suited to Canada's national interest. At present we are bound in conventions designed by and for the benefit of large exporting countries.

As a member of the Committee I have fully supported the approach for a sweeping review of this entire field both in Canada and internationally. At the same time the Committee is mindful of our relations with the U.S.A., U.K. and France which could be effected if we were to line up with the LDC's. In my view, the proposed submission to the Joint Study Group adequately reflects our concerns in this area, without committing us to any firm position.

I will be suggesting a few slight changes in the memorandum as per pencilled notes. Do you have any comments?

Attach.

*Comments given to Simon*

*May 14/69  
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