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Romanian Claims

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that Canadians who have property and financial claims against Romania should now submit details of their claims to the Department of External Affairs. These claims must be submitted before September 15, 1967, on forms supplied by the Department, in order that they may be considered with a view to forthcoming negotiations between Canada and Romania towards a settlement of outstanding claims. These negotiations are provided for in an exchange of letters which the Honourable Paul Martin today tabled in the House of Commons. The negotiations will take into account claims of the Canadian Government and of persons who were Canadian citizens at the time of loss in respect of pre-war debts and war damages as well as in respect of property nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Romanian authorities.

Further details, together with forms and instructions on procedures to be followed, are available upon application to the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs. Persons who have already submitted information concerning their claims against Romania will shortly be receiving the relevant forms by mail.

In accordance with well-established rules and practice in this field, the Canadian Government will be able to take into consideration only claims in respect of property which belonged to persons who were Canadian citizens at the time when the property was nationalized or otherwise taken.