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Text of a statement to be made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, in the House of Commons on June 11, 1964, on negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Speaker:

Representatives of the Governments of Canada and the Hungarian People's Republic have held a number of meetings in Ottawa between May 20 and June 9 to discuss problems of common interest in the fields of trade, financial claims, consular matters and diplomatic relations.

In addition to an agreement on trade on which my colleague, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be making a statement, we have also agreed to an exchange of diplomatic missions with Hungary as soon as convenient to each party.

We have reached agreement with the Hungarian Government to negotiate at an early date a settlement of outstanding financial claims between the two countries. I shall shortly be making an announcement of the type of claims which might be eligible for consideration under this agreement. Finally, Mr. Speaker, we have reached an understanding with the Hungarian Government on a number of consular matters which will, among other things, clarify the position of Canadian citizens, including those of Hungarian origin who may wish to travel in Hungary.

With the consent of the House I would propose to table the letters I have exchanged today with the Hungarian Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs covering these various subjects.