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The Department of External Affairs announces that  
able Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services,  
ver-General of Canada, will represent the Canadian  
at the opening ceremonies of the "Route de l'Unité  
amitié canadienne" in Niger  
accompanied by the Canadian Ambassador to Niger, Mr.  
Goumois, the Inter-Departmental Coordinator for the Canadian  
Development Agency, Mr. S. J. Seward, and other  
atives of the Department of External Affairs and the  
International Development Research Centre.

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The Minister's program will include visits to  
ouré and Jajiri where he will meet with government

The construction of the "Route de l'Unité et de  
amitié canadienne" began in April 1974. The 427 kilometer  
5 million road extends from Goudo to N'Gouad through  
la, Mainé-Sorea and Difiu, servicing the South-East  
the country and linking the Niger River to the Lake

Among other things, the project is a continuation of  
originating in this country. It was implemented by a  
has stimulated the country's economic development. This project also  
It was implemented by a team which worked on other construction projects using Canadian  
Government loan.

OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE  
"ROUTE DE L'UNITÉ ET DE L'AMITIÉ CANADIENNE"  
NIAMEY, NIGER  
SEPTEMBER 20 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1976

As well as assisting Niger in strengthening its  
unity, this project has a special importance for our  
rics. It will have been, because of its challenging  
major step in the growing relationship between  
Canada, an a tangible demonstration of Canadian  
toward Niger and Francophone Africa as a whole.

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