

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, has announced that the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau and he have respectively sent the following messages of congratulation to the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Willy Brandt and to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Walter Scheel, on the occasion of the ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany of the treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland.

"The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany,
Mr. Willy Brandt.

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

Allow me to express to your Government my heartiest congratulations for the approval by the parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany of the treaties with the U.S.S.R. and Poland. My colleagues and I have admired the skill and determination you have displayed in negotiating these treaties and in securing their approval. Through these treaties and other elements of your Ostpolitik you have made an indispensable contribution to the prospects for East-West détente. We wish you well.

Sincerely yours,

Pierre Elliott Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada."

"The Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany,
Mr. Walter Scheel.

My dear colleague:

I should like to express my congratulations for your successful efforts in negotiating and securing parliamentary approval of the Federal Republic of Germany's treaties with the U.S.S.R. and Poland. I well appreciate the difficulties of your task. Your success in overcoming them has cleared the way for further progress in East-West relations. I am looking forward to seeing you at the NATO Ministers' Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mitchell Sharp,
Secretary of State
for External Affairs."