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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON, THE HONOURABLE S. W. R. D. BANDARANAIKE, WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, FOR A SHORT VISIT AS THE GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY, INCLUDING HIS WIFE, THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR GUNASENA DE SOYZA, AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR DUNCAN DE ALWIS, WILL LAND AT UPLANDS AIRPORT AT 12 NOON.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VINCENT MASSEY, CH, HAS INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY TO BE HIS GUESTS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND WILL ENTERTAIN ON MONDAY EVENING AT DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE VISITORS.

MR BANDARANAIKE WILL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LOUIS ST LAURENT, ON TUESDAY MORNING AND WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE PRIME MINISTER LATER AT LUNCHEON IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON WILL ALSO CALL THAT MORNING ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR LB PEARSON. WHILE IN OTTAWA, MR BANDARANAIKE WILL ATTEND THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON AND THE MORNING SESSION THE NEXT DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON AND HIS PARTY WILL LEAVE UPLANDS FOR NEWYORK AT 3.15 PM TUESDAY. FOR THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES THERE WILL BE A 50-MAN GUARD OF HONOUR, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN C.R. SERLE, FROM ARMY HEADQUARTERS, AND THE RCAF CENTRAL BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF F/LT. LEO CORCORAN.