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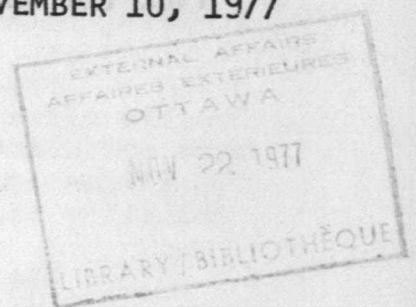
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THIRD MEETING OF CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 21 AND 22



The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces that the Secretary of Foreign Relations of Mexico, Mr. Santiago Roel Garcia, accompanied by the Minister of Commerce, Mr. Fernando Solana, will visit Canada November 18-24 and will lead the Mexican delegation to the third meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee in Ottawa November 21 and 22. Among the other senior Mexican representatives taking part in the meetings of the Ministerial Committee will be Mr. Ricardo Garcia Sainz, Under-Secretary of National Patrimony and Industrial Development.

Canadian Ministers participating, in addition to Mr. Jamieson, will be the Honourable Jack Horner, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce; and the Honourable A. W. Gillespie, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

The Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee was formed in 1968 in recognition of the broad range of contacts between the two countries and of a mutual desire to foster the further development of relations. The Committee first met formally in Ottawa in 1971 and then in Mexico City in 1974. Since its first meeting, Canada-Mexico relations have broadened significantly in all areas and the value of our two-way trade has more than doubled.

During the meetings a variety of current international economic and political matters of common interest to the two countries as North American neighbours will be discussed as well as specific bilateral topics including trade, energy and tourism.