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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON, WILL BE VISITING ICELAND ON HIS WAY HOME FROM A MEETING OF THE NATO COMMITTEE OF THREE WHICH HE HAS BEEN ATTENDING IN PARIS.

MR. PEARSON WILL ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OFFICIAL DINNER THAT EVENING BY THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT. HE WILL REMAIN IN ICELAND FOR TWO DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INFORMAL TALKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER PROMINENT ICELANDERS. ON SEPTEMBER 26, MR. PEARSON WILL GIVE A DINNER FOR HIS ICELANDIC HOSTS. HE WILL LEAVE ICELAND ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 26 AND WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA DURING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27.

THE CANADIAN MINISTER TO ICELAND, MR. C.A. RONNING, IS AT PRESENT IN REYKJAVIK AND WILL BE THERE DURING THE VISIT. MR. RONNING IS ALSO THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY AND IS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN OSLO.