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## CANADIAN COLOMBO PLAN EXPERT TO PAKISTAN

DR. F.T. ROSSER, VICE-PRESIDENT (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, LEFT CANADA THIS WEEK ON A VISIT TO PAKISTAN SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN.

TOGETHER WITH OTHER ADVISORS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA, DR. ROSSER HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION WHICH WAS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO RECOMMEND WAYS AND MEANS OF PROMOTING AND CO-ORDINATING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. DR. ROSSER WILL ARRIVE IN PAKISTAN ON NOVEMBER 11 AND EXPECTS TO REMAIN THERE FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE WILL BE VISITING KARACHI AND VARIOUS OTHER CITIES IN EAST AND WEST PAKISTAN.

DR. ROSSER WAS BORN IN DENFIELD, ONTARIO, AND HOLDS DEGREES FROM MACMASTER UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA. HE JOINED THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL IN 1937 AND BECAME VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN 1957. HE HAS PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF ONTARIO.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PAKISTAN ASSIGNMENT, DR. ROSSER WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, WHERE HE WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.