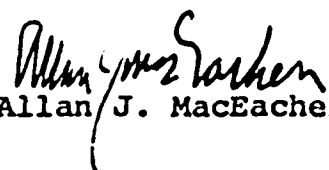


As you are aware, U.N. Day also marks the beginning of Disarmament Week throughout the world. The observances in Canada will reflect the growing concern of Canadians about the arms race and will underscore the vital need for arms control and disarmament negotiations. Canadians are pleased that the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva have resumed the process of talks on strategic arms and are optimistic that the negotiations in Vienna on reducing conventional forces in Europe might move forward in the near future. There was disappointment among Canadians that the second Special Session on Disarmament did not realize its ambitious agenda, although it was realized that UNSSOD II did draw world attention to the questions involved in disarmament negotiations and their complexity.

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet you and speak with you in September and to offer my personal congratulations on your election to the office of Secretary General.

On behalf of all Canadians, I wish to reaffirm our continued collaboration in the furtherance of the aims of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,


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