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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, is paying a short visit to Egypt following an invitation which was extended to him by the Egyptian Prime Minister in September and accepted by Mr. Pearson at that time. Mr. Pearson will be repaying the courtesy visit which the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, made to Canada last June.

Mr. Pearson will arrive in Cairo from Karachi late in the afternoon of Thursday, November 10, on his way back from South Asia. He will leave Cairo on Saturday morning, November 12.

Just before leaving Ottawa, Mr. Pearson received an invitation from the Israeli Prime Minister to visit Israel but regretfully had to decline because of lack of time. In view of recent developments this decision was reconsidered. As the only time available, November 12, is the Jewish Sabbath, this date did not prove suitable for a visit to Tel-Aviv. Since the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, would not have been in Israel at that time, it was decided that Mr. Pearson would continue from Cairo to Canada. Mr. Pearson hopes to be able to see Mr. Sharett during his forthcoming visit to North America.

It is expected that Mr. Pearson will reach Ottawa early next week.

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