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TUESDAY, JAN 26, 1960.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT HE WILL HOLD A RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, FOR ALL TRAINEES STUDYING IN OTTAWA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CANADA'S EXTERNAL AID PROGRAMMES. THE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT THE RIDEAU CLUB FROM 6-7:30 P.M.

THIRTY-EIGHT OF THE 48 GUESTS OF HONOUR ARE SPONSORED IN CANADA BY THE COLOMBO PLAN, WHICH CAME INTO EXISTENCE JUST OVER 10 YEARS AGO AND IN WHICH CANADA HAS PARTICIPATED SINCE ITS INCEPTION. THEIR STUDIES IN OTTAWA ARE BEING SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS ONE PART OF CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ASPECT OF THE COLOMBO PLAN. OF THE REMAINING TEN TRAINEES WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE RECEPTION, EIGHT ARE STUDYING HERE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CANADIAN AID PROGRAMMES FOR GHANA AND THE WEST INDIES, WHICH WERE INAUGURATED IN 1958. THE TWO OTHER TRAINEES HAVE COME TO CANADA SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH CANADA IS A MEMBER: UNESCO AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. THE RECEPTION WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TRAINEES TO MEET MR. GREEN, PRIVATE CITIZENS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THESE AID PROGRAMMES, AS WELL AS EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE CANADA ATTACHES TO THE CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE RECEPTION WILL BE A GROUP OF FOURTEEN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS, CURRENTLY VISITING CANADA AS PART OF A UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL MISSION.