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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Canadian Government has submitted claims for damages to the Bulgarian Government in connection with the deaths of the four Canadians, all residents of Montreal, who were among the 58 persons who perished in the crash of the El Al Israel Airlines aircraft which was shot down by Bulgarian air defence forces on July 27, 1955.

The claims have been submitted on behalf of Hiram D. Maydeck who lost his wife, Mrs. Sara Maydeck, and two daughters, Anne and Yoffe, in the disaster; and on behalf of Mrs. Evelyn and Irving Altman, the widow and son of Max S. Altman, the other Canadian victim.

As the Canadian Government does not have diplomatic representation in Bulgaria, the Canadian claims have been transmitted to the Bulgarian Government through the United Kingdom Legation in Sofia.
