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At the invitation of President Eisenhower, the Prime Minister will make an official visit to the United States from May 7 to May 9. Mr. St. Laurent will leave Rockcliffe Airport by special plane on May 7, arriving at the Military Air Transport Service Terminal, Washington, at 11:15 a.m. He will be accompanied by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, the Secretary to the Cabinet, Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, and his Private Secretary, Mr. Pierre Asselin. During their stay in Washington, the official party will be guests at Blair House.

The Prime Minister will meet President Eisenhower at the White House shortly after arrival, and the President will entertain the Prime Minister at luncheon. The Prime Minister will then go to Arlington Cemetery to lay wreaths on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and at the Canadian Cross. The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Hume Wrong, will give a dinner in honour of the Prime Minister that evening.

On Friday, May 8, Mr. St. Laurent will visit the Capitol where he will call on the Vice President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He will then attend a luncheon and give a speech at the National Press Club. He will have a further meeting with the President that afternoon. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles will give a dinner in his honour that evening at Blair-Lee House. The official party will leave for Ottawa during the morning of Saturday, May 9, and will arrive about mid-day.