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MINISTER CLARK ANNOUNCES FURTHER MEASURES  
CONCERNING SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today characterized the Soviet expulsion of two Canadian diplomats and the banning of three other Canadian diplomats as totally without justification. Mr. Clark emphasized that there are no Canadians engaged in improper activities in the Soviet Union. He contrasted this with Soviet espionage activities in Canada which have obliged the Canadian Government to expel the Soviet officials.

Mr. Clark announced that, after careful deliberation, the Canadian Government has decided to respond to this Soviet retaliation by taking the following steps:

- expelling Colonel Grigori Stepanovich Roublev, the military attaché in the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa.
- declaring persona non grata Mr. Sergey Mikhaylovich Kashtanov, a former second secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa.
- cutting by three the total number of Soviet officials that can be assigned to Canada.

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