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The Secretary of State for External Affairs the Honourable Paul Martin announced that the Canadian Ambassador to Greece Mr. Antonio Barrette and the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece His Excellency Panaghiotis Pipinelis formally exchanged Notes today constituting an agreement covering a Canadian gift to Greece of one million dollars worth of food products. Offer of the gift by Canada and its acceptance by Greece follows a decision taken by the Ministerial Meeting of NATO on December 15, 1962 regarding contributions to Greece of collective assistance for her defensive efforts.

According to the Notes exchanged, the gift will consist of approximately six million pounds of canned luncheon meat and a quantity of dried skim milk. These will be made available at an Eastern Canadian port in three equal lots during the remainder of 1963.