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pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Memorandum from American and Far Eastern Division
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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PROJECTED VISIT OF A CANADIAN TRADE MISSION TO
LATIN AMERICA HEADED BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE C.D. HOWE

Attached, if you concur, is a memorandum for the Minister's information concerning the proposed visit to Latin America this autumn of the Minister of Trade and Commerce accompanied by several of his officers and a group of Canadian businessmen.

In this Department we have been endeavouring to formulate a Latin American policy paper, and last fall discussions were held under the chairmanship of Mr. Heeny with various officers from Trade and Commerce. The draft paper included the suggestion of a visit of a Canadian Goodwill Mission to Latin America to be headed by a Cabinet Minister. Since it was decided that the emphasis in this area was to be placed on trade, the Minister of Trade and Commerce logically was the most suitable person to head the delegation.

Mr. W.F. Bull, the Deputy Minister, took this matter up with Mr. Howe recently and the latter has agreed to the trip. Preliminary plans for the group are now being formulated, based on the same type of mission as went to South Africa headed by Senator MacKinnon, when the latter was Minister of Trade and Commerce, and travelled there accompanied by a representative group of Canadian businessmen.

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