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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a delegation of officials from the U.S.S.R. will be arriving in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 31, for negotiations with Canadian Government officials on a possible trade agreement between the two countries.

During the visit to the U.S.S.R. last October of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, the possibility of a trade agreement based upon the most-favoured-nation principle was explored. At that time it was agreed that further talks should take place in Ottawa. On November 1 the Canadian Government invited the Government of the U.S.S.R. to send a delegation to Ottawa for this purpose.

The Soviet delegation will be headed by Mr. S.A. Borisov, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade. The head of the Canadian group of officials in the negotiations will be Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.
