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## SECTION A

VISITE DU PREMIER MINISTRE HAYATO IKEDA À OTTAWA,  
LE 25 ET 26 JUIN 1961VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER HAYATO IKEDA TO OTTAWA,  
JUNE 25-26, 1961

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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
pour le premier ministre**Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Prime Minister*

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## INTERVIEW WITH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

You may find the following notes concerning relations with Japan to be useful when you meet the Japanese Ambassador on April 25.

*Visit of the Japanese Prime Minister*

2. Prime Minister Ikeda, accompanied by Foreign Minister Kosaka, is to visit Ottawa on June 25-26 after his meeting with President Kennedy in Washington. Now that the issue of the Japan-United States Security Treaty has been settled, Japan's greatest concern in the foreign relations field is the question of Communist China and Japan's relations with that country. Mr. Ikeda will very likely wish to hear your views on this subject and other international problems, as well as to discuss problems in our relations with Japan.

*3. 1961 Consultation on Quotas for Japanese Imports*

The consultations this year have been long and difficult but agreement has now been reached, or seems to be in sight, for most items. The important textile items, for example, have now been largely settled on terms that seem to be mutually satisfactory. Agreement has also been largely reached with respect to radios and radio tubes.

4. The chief item outstanding is that of stainless steel flatware. On this a compromise proposal has been put to the Japanese and their reply is awaited. In the meantime, they have been sending in shipments on an interim basis, but they have been notified that if such interim shipments exceed 100,000 dozen a quarter (before agreement is reached on the annual figure), some restrictive measure will have to be taken. In practice this could only be imposition of arbitrary values. Shipments are now close to the 100,000 point for the current quarter so it is a matter of urgency to reach final agreement at once on the annual quota.

*5. Legal Claims Against Japan*

Another problem in our relations with Japan concerns Canadian legal claims against Japan under Article 18(a) of the Peace Treaty. There are only four such claims arising out of damages caused during the Sino-Japanese War. At the present time we are awaiting additional data from the four Canadian claimants with which we hope to be able to persuade the Japanese to settle these long outstanding claims on the basis of some form of lump-sum payment.