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## MILITARY TEAM TO TANZANIA

*The Prime Minister issued the following statement on December 8 concerning the provisions of Canadian military training and advisory assistance to the United Republic of Tanzania:*

On September 22, 1964, the Secretary of State for External Affairs stated in the House of Commons that the Government was actively considering requests for military assistance which had been received from Tanzania, and that a military survey team had been sent to that country. The team have since submitted their report, and the Government has, after careful consideration, concurred in their recommendation that the most valuable contribution Canada could make to the development of the Tanzanian defence and security forces would be in the field of military training and advice concerning defence organization. It has, therefore, been agreed between the Tanzanian and Canadian Governments that a Canadian military training and advisory team of approximately 30 personnel should be established in Tanzania. The commander and a small advance party are expected to arrive in Dar-es-Salaam in approximately one month's time. The programme which we have agreed upon also calls for the work of the team in Tanzania to be supplemented by the provision of training in Canada for selected Tanzanian personnel.

### TRAINING CENTRE

The second major component of our programme consists of the provision of assistance in the devel-

opment of training facilities, including a permanent training centre, in Tanzania. In the immediate future, we shall be arranging to provide an engineering survey and, to the extent that the survey shows it would be economic and appropriate to do so, we shall also be prepared to bear the foreign exchange costs of constructing the training centre.

It is a source of great personal satisfaction to me that suitable means have been found for Canada to co-operate with the United Republic of Tanzania in the development of the defence and internal security forces of that important member of the Commonwealth. We respect the desire of the Tanzanian Government to follow a policy of non-alignment, and the programme which has been agreed in principle between our two Governments is in no way intended to interfere with that policy. However, experience has shown that the assurance of stability is an essential prerequisite for the implementation of effective programmes of economic and social development, and such stability cannot be assured without adequate security forces. That Canada should assist Tanzania in the training and organization of such forces is entirely appropriate, particularly in view of the contributions we are already making to Tanzania's development programme. We have in the past enjoyed very close relations with the Government of Tanzania under the outstanding leadership of President Nyerere, and I hope that these relations will be further strengthened by our co-operation in this very important field.