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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1956.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS CONCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR THE TRAINING IN CANADA OF 360 AIRCREW TO MAN A NUMBER OF F86 SABRE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC UNDER MUTUAL AID ARRANGEMENTS AND A FURTHER NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TO BE PURCHASED IN CANADA. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE NATO AIR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING OF THE GERMAN AIRCREW. THE TRAINEES ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE TRAINING IN CANADA SOMETIME IN 1957 AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TRAINING WILL BE COMPLETED BY APPROXIMATELY APRIL 1959.