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MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1959.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs said that Mr. Foster Dulles had called him this morning to say that he and Mr. Benson, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, had been advised by their medical advisers not to attempt to come to Ottawa for the Joint Canada-United States Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, which is meeting here this evening and tomorrow. Mr. Dulles expressed the hope that there could be a resumed meeting of the Committee on an early occasion in which Mr. Benson and he could themselves participate in the discussions.

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, the Honourable Robert Anderson, the Secretary of the Treasury, will be the leader of the United States Delegation, which will include the Honourable Lewis Strauss, Secretary of Commerce, the Honourable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior, the Honourable Douglas Dillon, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and the Honourable Marvin McLaine, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, who will be representing Mr. Benson.

The Canadian Delegation will be led by the Honourable Donald Fleming, Minister of Finance, and will include the Honourable Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Douglas Harkness, Minister of Agriculture, and the Honourable Davie Fulton, Minister of Justice, as well as the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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