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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1961.

VISIT TO OTTAWA OF OEEC SECRETARY-GENERAL,
MR. THORKIL KRISTENSEN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT MR. THORKIL KRISTENSEN, SECRETARY-GENERAL, DESIGNATE OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WHEN IT COMES INTO BEING, WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA, AT THE INVITATION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, ON FEBRUARY 27 AND 28.

A PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS IN VARIOUS DANISH INSTITUTIONS SINCE 1927, MR. KRISTENSEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE DANISH PARLIAMENT FROM 1945 UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OEEC LAST SUMMER. HE TWICE HELD THE PORTFOLIO OF FINANCE OF HIS COUNTRY: FROM 1945 TO 1949 AND 1950 UNTIL 1953. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF EUROPE AND OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL. HE HAS PUBLISHED NUMEROUS ARTICLES AND STUDIES ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DESIGNATE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. GUNTER KEISER, DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND PAYMENTS OF THE OEEC; MR. JOHN FAY, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS; AND MR. OTTINO CARRACIOLO DI FORINO, CHIEF OF THE OEEC MISSION IN WASHINGTON.

MR. KRISTENSEN WILL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND ON OTHER MINISTERS CONCERNED WITH THE NEW ORGANIZATION AND WILL ALSO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS. HE WILL ADDRESS A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CANADIAN CLUB, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT THE CHATEAU LAURIER, AND ATTEND A DINNER GIVEN BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AT THE RIDEAU CLUB THAT EVENING.