

OTTAWA, 30th March, 1949.

Excellency,

On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Canadian Government I have the honour to thank you for your Note of 18th March expressing the appreciation of the Italian Government for the attitude taken by Canada towards Italy's adhesion to the Atlantic Pact.

Italy's participation as a partner in the common defence of freedom and the democratic way of life is most welcome to the Canadian Government. It is the hope of my Government that the Treaty will, in addition to maintaining peace, promote social and economic cooperation among the participants, and thus, a warm and enduring friendship between Canada and Italy.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) L. B. Pearson

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