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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW MORNING IN MANILA FOR A VISIT IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE START OF A TOUR OF SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA THAT WILL INCLUDE THE 8TH MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COLOMBO PLAN IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, IN DECEMBER.

WHILE IN MANILA, MR. MARTIN WILL MEET THE PHILIPPINES VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. CARLOS P. GARCIA, WHO IS ALSO THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH DR. PAULINO GARCIA. THE CANADIAN CONSUL GENERAL AND TRADE COMMISSIONER IN MANILA IS MR. H.L.E. PRIESTMAN.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS ASKED MR. MARTIN AND HIS PARTY TO BE THEIR GUESTS DURING THEIR STAY IN SAIGON, NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 20. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. VU VAN MAU AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MR. VU QUOC THONG, WILL EACH ENTERTAIN AT DINNER IN HONOUR OF MR. AND MRS. MARTIN ON THE TWO EVENINGS THEY WILL BE THERE. MR. MARTIN WILL CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, MR. NGO DINH DIEM, AND ON MR. NGUYEN HUU CHAU, THE RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR COLOMBO PLAN MATTERS, AND ON OTHER OFFICIALS. MR. MARTIN WILL MEET THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR VIETNAM, MR. BRUCE WILLIAMS AND OTHER CANADIAN, INDIAN AND POLISH COMMISSION PERSONNEL AT THAT TIME.

THE ACTING CANADIAN COMMISSIONER IN PHNOM PENH, MR. J.W.L.H. . . . 2