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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that aviation delegations composed of officials of the United States and Canadian Governments concluded yesterday in Washington the first stage of consultations relating to the future operation of bilateral air services between Canada and the United States. During the course of these discussions, which were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, the two delegations carried out a review of existing bilateral air arrangements.

The Canadian delegation submitted certain proposals concerning principles and criteria for the establishment and allocation of routes between the two countries which in its view would be based on the needs of the travelling public. One of the objectives of the Canadian proposals would be to permit carriers of both countries to serve, although not necessarily on an exclusive basis, the major centres generating traffic between the two countries. The United States delegation agreed to examine these proposals and present its comments at meetings to be held in the near future.