CANADIAN NOTE TO THE USSR, APRIL 24, 1959

The Government of Canada hereby acknowledges the
ote of the Soviet Government of March 2nd in which reference
s made to the Canadian Government's Note of February 17 and
o earlier communications devoted to questions relating to
ermany, including a peace treaty with Germany and the question
f Berlin.

Since these exchanges took place, Notes have been
ransmitted to the Soviet Union by the U.S.A., U.K. and France,
nder date of March 26th, confirming the willingness of these
overnments to commence negotiations on May 11 in Geneva at
the level of foreign ministers. The proposals put forth by
these Western powers and accepted by the Soviet Government
in its Notes of March 30 have the support of the Canadian
Government.

The Canadian Government does not therefore consider
it would be of value to comment in detail on the matters
raised in the Soviet Note of March 2nd. The Canadian Govern-
ment expresses the hope, however, that the Soviet Government
will treat the coming negotiations as a real opportunity to
achieve a lessening of international tension and to settle
some of the more pressing problems on a basis that takes
into account the legitimate interests of all concerned.