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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Canada - United States Ministerial Committee on Joint Defence will meet in Washington, D.C., June 25, 1964. The Canadian delegation will consist of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin; the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Paul Hellyer; the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Walter Gordon; the Minister of Defence Production, the Honourable C. M. Drury; and the Associate Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Lucien Cardin. The United States delegation will consist of the Secretary of State, the Honorable Dean Rusk; the Secretary of Defence, the Honorable Robert S. McNamara; and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable Douglas Dillon.

Prime Minister Pearson and President Kennedy agreed at Hyannis Port last year to arrange more frequent consultations between their two governments on matters of mutual interest. Pursuant to this goal, the Prime Minister and President Johnson decided during talks in January that the Ministerial Committee on Joint Defence should meet during the first half of 1964. The United States invited the Committee to convene in Washington, D.C., on June 25, 1964 and Canada has accepted. The Committee was set up in 1958 to consult periodically on matters affecting the joint defence of Canada and the United States.