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## JOINT DEFENCE BODY REPORTS

The Canada-United States Ministerial Committee on Joint Defence held its second meeting at Camp David, Maryland, on November 8 and 9. The Canadian representatives were the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Donald Fleming, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. George R. Pearkes, and the Minister of Defence Production, Mr. Raymond J. O'Hurley. Representing the United States were Mr. Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State, Mr. Neil McElroy, Secretary of Defence, and Mr. Fred C. Scribner, Under-Secretary of the Treasury. Senior officials of both governments were also in attendance.

The Committee, created after discussions held in Ottawa between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Diefenbaker during July and August 1958, was set up, according to a communiqué issued on November 9, "to consult periodically on all matters affecting the joint defence of Canada and the United States." The Committee was intended to concern itself, at the ministerial level, with the political and economic aspects of defence as well as the military aspect.

The communiqué already mentioned described the Camp David discussions as follows:  
 "...The Ministers discussed current international developments and examined the significance of these developments for Canadian-United States defence plans. In so doing they recalled their governments' obligations, under

the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty, for the maintenance of International Peace and Security.

"They discussed in general terms the strategic implications of modern weapon development and the problems created by the mounting costs of modern defence facilities and weapons.

"Ministers reviewed the prospects for disarmament. They were agreed that every effort should be continued to explore the possibilities of a world-wide agreement on an effective system of controlled disarmament. They were further agreed that meanwhile there should be no relaxation of defensive measures and arrangements.

"Special consideration was given to the continued need for co-operative defence arrangements in North America designed to contribute to the greater strength of collective security within the broader framework of NATO. In the latter connection, the Ministers reaffirmed their common desire and intention further to strengthen consultation in the North Atlantic Council generally and in particular with respect to preparations for forthcoming negotiations with the U.S.S.R.. Ministers also reaffirmed their support for the principles of defence production sharing between the two countries. Progress was reviewed and it was agreed that renewed efforts would be made to assure even more fruitful co-operation in this respect in the future.

"Finally, the Ministers reviewed the machi-

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