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MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON JOINT DEFENCE WILL BE HELD AT CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND, NOVEMBER 8 AND 9.

THE CANADA-UNITED STATES MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON JOINT DEFENCE WAS ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN JULY, 1958, BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER DIEFENBAKER AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. ITS ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE SET OUT IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON AUGUST 29 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 1958. THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FOR PERIODIC CONSULTATION AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE JOINT DEFENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF JOINT DEFENCE PROBLEMS BY THE COMMITTEE ENCOMPASSES NOT ONLY MILITARY QUESTIONS BUT ALSO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF JOINT DEFENCE PROBLEMS. THESE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS WILL ASSIST THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CAPACITY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.