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JOINT REPORT BY SPECIAL NEGOTIATORS
ON CANADA-U.S. MARITIME BOUNDARIES
AND RELATED RESOURCE ISSUES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today the release of the Joint Report by Special Negotiators on Canada-U.S. Maritime Boundaries and Related Resource Issues.

The Governments of Canada and the United States have approved the Joint Report, the text of which is attached. The Governments have instructed the Negotiators - Marcel Cadieux for Canada and Lloyd N. Cutler for the United States - to continue their efforts to seek a comprehensive settlement of transboundary maritime issues between the two countries. The Governments have also accepted the Negotiators' recommendation to conclude interim arrangements to govern reciprocal fishing during 1978. It is expected that the proposed agreement will be signed shortly and its text released at the time of signature.

Officials of the two Governments will continue discussions on technical and legal aspects of a long-term agreement and formal negotiations are expected to resume in the summer.

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