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Preliminary discussions were held today [REDACTED] AT 11 A.M., EST, in Ottawa between representatives of the United States and Canadian Governments looking toward the first meeting of the newly established Joint Canadian-American Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

Both President Eisenhower and Prime Minister St. Laurent have expressed the hope that the work of this Committee can get underway as soon as possible.

The Canadian Representatives present were: Mr. The Right Honourable C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who took action in the House of Commons. He was initiated in the Canadian Government by the Honorable L.B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs. That call upon him to express his appreciation of the Canadian Government's interest in the Canadian Representatives present were:

Mr. Douglas Stuart, United States Ambassador to Canada, who has been named by the Canadian Government to a condition of his appointment. He is the United Nations Representative to the Canadian Government.

Mr. Sherman Adams, The Assistant to the President of the United States, has been named by the Canadian Government to a condition of his appointment. He is the United Nations Representative to the Canadian Government.

Mr. Gabriel Haugo, Administrative Assistant to the President,

Mr. Howard Gordon, Administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has been named by the Canadian Government to a condition of his appointment.

Mr. John Leddy, Director of the Office of Economic Defence and Trade Policy, United States Department of State, who has been named by the Canadian Government to a condition of his appointment.

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It is anticipated that during the course of the negotiations, the principal difficulties will be the resolution of the diplomatic problems which can be dealt with involving the parties.