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OF THE FIFTH MEETING
OF THE CANADA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

The fifth meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, on April 17 and 18, 1969. Japan was represented by the Honourable Kiichi Aichi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Takeo Fukuda, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Shiro Hasegawa, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Honourable Masayoshi Ohira, Minister of International Trade and Industry, the Honourable Wataro Kanno, Minister of State and Director-General for Economic Planning, and Mr. Osamu Itagaki, Ambassador to Canada. Canada was represented by the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Edgar J. Benson, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jack Davis, Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, the Honourable Horace A. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Herbert O. Moran, Ambassador to Japan.

The Ministers reviewed the general international situation with emphasis on the situation in Asia, including Vietnam and China. The Ministers expressed their concern over the continuation of the Vietnam conflict, and strongly hoped that the talks now being held in Paris would promptly lead to a peaceful settlement of the problem. The Ministers also recognized that, after peace is restored in Vietnam, the broadest possible international cooperation would be needed to secure the peace and attain the prosperity of this region, and agreed that the two countries would