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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE, HIS EXCELLENCY GUY MOLLET, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HIS EXCELLENCY CHRISTIAN PINEAU, WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA AT 11.00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO CANADA. THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER WILL FLY TO OTTAWA FROM NEWYORK AND WILL LAND AT UPLANDS AT THE 412 SQUADRON HANGAR. WITH MR. MOLLET AND MR. PINEAU WILL BE A NUMBER OF ADVISERS WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS TO CANADA. DURING HIS VISIT TO OTTAWA MR. MOLLET WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND MADAME FRANCIS LACOSTE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY.

AFTER ARRIVAL IN OTTAWA, MR. MOLLET WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL. THERE WILL BE A LUNCHEON BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA AT 24 SUSSEX, FOLLOWED BY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MR. MOLLET AND MR. PINEAU AND MR. ST. LAURENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WILL ENTERTAIN AT DINNER ON SATURDAY EVENING, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION.

MR. MOLLET WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE EAST BLOCK AT 10.00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 4. AT 11:30 A.M. HE WILL ADDRESS THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBER. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WILL ENTERTAIN AT LUNCH AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN MR. MOLLET'S HONOUR ON MONDAY.

A ONE-DAY VISIT WILL BE PAID TO QUEBEC CITY ON SUNDAY. THE PARTY WILL BE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL AT ANCIENNE LORETTE AIRPORT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF QUEBEC, THE MAYOR, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND OTHERS. WHILE IN QUEBEC MR. MOLLET AND MR. PINEAU WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND MADAME FAUTEUX AT BOIS DE COULONGE. THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND A PRESS RECEPTION IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE. THERE WILL BE A DINNER BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR THAT EVENING AND THE PARTY WILL RETURN TO OTTAWA THE SAME DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE WILL LEAVE UPLANDS FOR DORVAL AIRPORT IN MONTREAL AT 4.00 P.M. ON MONDAY. HE WILL BE GREETED BY THE MAYOR AT DORVAL AND WILL PROCEED TO CITY HALL FOR A RECEPTION IN HIS HONOUR. MR. MOLLET WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON MONDAY EVENING AND WILL LEAVE LATER IN THE EVENING FOR PARIS.