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Communiqué on the Visit to Canada  
of Mr. Vaclav David, Foreign  
Minister of Czechoslovak  
Socialist Republic

The Foreign Minister of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Mr. Vaclav David paid an official visit to Canada December 6 - 11, 1966, at the invitation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Hon. Paul Martin. During his stay in Ottawa, Mr. David was received by the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, the Hon. Robert H. Minters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Hon. Lucien Lamoureux, Speaker of the House of Commons and the Hon. J.J. Connolly, Leader of the Government in the Senate. Following his visit to Ottawa, Mr. David paid a visit to Toronto and will also visit Montreal where he will tour the site of Expo '67 and visit the Czechoslovak pavilion.

2. During his visit to Ottawa, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister had comprehensive talks with the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Those participating in the talks were:

On the Czechoslovak side: Dr. Miroslav Zemla,  
Ambassador of Czechoslovakia;  
Dr. Zdenek Trhlik, and  
other officials of the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On the Canadian side: Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Under-  
Secretary of State for  
External Affairs;  
Mr. John Halstead and other  
officials of the Department  
of External Affairs.

3. In their discussions of the world situation, Mr. David and Mr. Martin emphasized the desire of the Czechoslovak and Canadian Governments to reduce international tensions. In this context, they expressed their serious concern with regard to Vietnam, and the threat to world peace inherent in a continuation of the conflict in South-East Asia. There was a frank exchange of views