Secretary of State for External Affairs

EXCELLENCY,

Ottawa, June 30, 1966

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions which have taken place in Ottawa between representatives of our governments on the subject of the establishment of diplomatic relations and of diplomatic and trade representation between our two countries.

In those discussions an understanding was reached that diplomatic relations would be established immediately between Canada and the People's Republic of Bulgaria. The Canadian Government intends initially to accredit to Bulgaria a non-resident Ambassador from a nearby country. I understand that the Bulgarian Government intends initially to estabish a resident Embassy in Ottawa under a chargé d'affaires a.i. and with a non-resident Ambassador.

It was understood also that the People's Republic of Bulgaria would be entitled to establish a Trade Commissioner's office in the city of Montreal, staffed by government trade officials who would have the equivalent privileges and immunities (but not the functions) of the head and members of the staff of a consulate; and that Canada, would reciprocally be entitled to establish trade representation in Bulgaria.

I have the honour to confirm the acceptance of these arrangements by the Government of Canada and to request in return your confirmation of their acceptance by the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

PAUL MARTIN

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