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Secretary of State for External Affairs to Ambassador in United States

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TOP SECRET

Following for the Ambassador from Heeney, Begins: You will be receiving separately the text of the statement made by the Minister in the House of Commons this morning. As I said on the telephone he welcomed the firm stand taken by the United States within the framework of the United Nations and indicated clearly the Canadian Government's support. His statement was apparently well received on all sides of the House. Mr. Graydon and Mr. Knowles for the Conservative and C.C.F. parties expressed full agreement with Mr. Pearson's statement.

- 2. The Cabinet met this afternoon and, considering what Canada might do in response to last night's Resolution of the Security Council, agreed as follows:
- (a) to send to Korea the two Canadian observers which the U.N. Secretary General has been urging us to do;
- (b) to instruct Holmes to enquire in New York what other "like-minded" United Nations were doing or proposed to do in response to the Security Council's Resolution; and
- (c) to have Air Vice Marshal Campbell enquire in Washington through Service channels what kind of contribution on the part of Canada would be most acceptable and effective; in particular Campbell was to enquire whether the despatch of two Canadian destroyers from the Pacific Coast to MacArthur's Command would be useful.
- 3. Holmes is being instructed this afternoon in the sense of (a) and (b) of the preceding paragraph. The reference to (c) at the moment is solely for your own information. Campbell is to receive instructions from National Defence, the Cabinet being categorical that these enquiries should be conducted through Service channels only. Ends.