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MRS. McDOUGALL EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH THE END OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY OCCUPATION IN HAITI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, was very pleased to learn of the voluntary departure today of the people who, since November 20, had been occupying the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince.

"I am pleased that the occupation ended without injury or loss of life. Doubtless the firm, unequivocal stand that we took in this affair finally convinced the occupants that their way of operating would be to no avail," said Mrs. McDougall.

Assurances by the authorities that the 19 people would be subject to the regular application of the law if they left the Embassy certainly had a part in ending the affair. The Haitian courts will determine what charges, if any, should be laid. Some members of the group have been detained by the Haitian authorities, while those needing medical attention have been hospitalized. The Red Cross has pledged to monitor the situation and to see that all 19 people are treated properly.

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