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NOTES FOR OPENING STATEMENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE GIVEN BY
THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AT ILE STE. HELENE, MONTREAL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 4:00 P.M.

Gentlemen,

It has been a great pleasure for me to have met with Mr. Shaw and his colleagues today and to have heard at first hand of the splendid progress which is being made in the planning and organization of Expo 67 by the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition. It is equally a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to tell you something of my reactions to what I have heard and seen today.

Before coming to Montreal today I had, of course, some knowledge of the progress being made, both on the site here in the beautiful St. Lawrence and on the Exhibition as a whole, by the Corporation. The Department of External Affairs, both in Ottawa and through its missions abroad, is in constant touch with the Corporation, and I have heard much about the Exhibition from my colleague the Minister of Trade and Commerce who is the member of Cabinet directly responsible for it. It is quite another experience, however, to be able to hear about their work directly from those immediately engaged in the planning of the Exhibition, and then to see the magnificent site where these plans will be realized.

My overwhelming impression is of the excellence of the job which is being done by the Commissioner General, Mr. Dupuy,