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Military Assistance to Malaysia - Despatch of Caribou Aircraft

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that four Caribou aircraft, given by Canada to Malaysia as military assistance, will be ferried to that country April 25. The ferrying operation will be carried out jointly by personnel of the RCAF and the Royal Malaysian Air Force. Twenty-one members of the R.M.A.F., including 7 pilots and 14 technicians, have received training in Canada over the last two months in the handling of Caribou aircraft. Canada will bear all ferrying costs.

The offer to Malaysia of 4 Caribou aircraft and a substantial amount of spare parts was announced on January 25, 1965 by the Prime Minister. This gift is intended to meet Malaysia's requirement for increased military air transport capability. The Canadian Government also agreed at the time to provide training in Canada for 80 Malaysian forces personnel over two years. Fifteen officer cadets and 15 pilot officers have come to Canada for training this year, in addition to those who received special training on the Caribou aircraft. Cost of the two-year programme is estimated at \$4 million, Mr. Martin stated.