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## CANADA PRESENTS COSMOS 954 CLAIM TO USSR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, today presented to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Canada's claim for compensation for damage caused by the intrusion into Canadian air space and break up over Canadian territory of the Soviet Cosmos 954 satellite on January 24, 1978. As the Cosmos satellite was nuclear powered, extensive search and recovery operations were undertaken to locate and remove hazardous radioactive debris on Canadian territory. These operations, during the period January 24, 1978 to October 15, 1978, were directed by the Department of National Defence, in the first phase, and subsequently, in the second phase, by the Atomic Energy Control Board. Canada's claim is in the amount of \$6,041,174.70, representing those costs in respect of the operations which would not have been incurred had the satellite not entered Canadian territory.

With the submission of Canada's claim and after the provision of all supporting documentation to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been completed, the Department of External Affairs expects to enter into diplomatic negotiations leading to the settlement of the claim.

Information on the claim, including the texts of supporting documentation submitted today to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, will be made available on January 31, 1979.