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Grant of \$500,000.00 by the Canadian Government to the Maison des etudiants Canadiens in Paris

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the first payment of a \$500,000.00 grant which had been offered by the Canadian Government to the Maison Canadienne, a student residence at the Cité Universitaire of the University of Paris. As Mr. Martin had previously stated during his visit to the Maison Canadienne in Paris last December, this grant is intended to cover the cost of constructing a new wing at the student residence.

As he handed the cheque to Mr. Jean P.W. Ostiguy, President of the Montreal committee of the Maison des etudiants Canadiens in Paris, Mr. Martin declared that the Canadian Government was pleased to be associated with the authorities of the Maison Canadienne in their efforts to improve the facilities so that increasing numbers of Canadian students from all the Canadian provinces could meet together. Emphasizing the interest taken by the Provinces of Guebec, Ontario and New Brunswick in supporting this institution, the Minister expressed the hope that other provinces would become similarly involved.