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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO UNESCO
SPACE COMMUNICATION MEETING
PARIS, DECEMBER 2 - 9, 1969

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Honourable Eric Kierans, Minister of Communications, would lead the Canadian delegation to the UNESCO Meeting of Inter-Governmental Experts on International Arrangements in the Space Communication Field which is being held in Paris from December 2-9. The other members of the Delegation are Mr. Alan Gotlieb, Deputy Minister, Department of Communications, M. Jean-Marie Beauchemin, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Government of Quebec; M. Yvon Coté, Assistant Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications, Government of Quebec; M. Laurent Picard, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; M. R. Marchand, Director of the International Telecommunications Branch, Department of Communications; Mr. E.G. Lee, Deputy Head, Legal Division, Department of External Affairs, and Mr. Spencer Moore, International Relations Office of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

M. Beauchemin has been appointed to the delegation after consultation with the Council of Ministers of Education.

The Meeting has been called to discuss international arrangements on the use of space communication for the free flow of information. Particular attention will be given to the collection and dissemination of news, educational broadcasting and cultural and other transmissions. Study will also be given to the furthering of satellite television transmissions by ensuring their legal protection against uses not authorized by the originating body. An assessment will also be made of the requirements of education, science and culture in the future allocation of frequencies for space communication.