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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à la délégation au Comité sur le désarmement*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Delegation to Disarmament Committee*

TELEGRAM N-320

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NUCLEAR TESTS: CANADIAN POSITION

You will already have received our telegram N-318 December 5 giving a further elaboration of our suggested basis for negotiations on cessation of nuclear tests. Following paragraphs deal with question of tactics in the Western Four and in your discussions with the eight non-aligned delegations.

2. I agree with assessment in your reference telegram that the most useful role Canadian delegation could play at this time would be to encourage non-aligned members to give greater precision to their ideas (especially on the nature of an interim arrangement) and to press them vigorously in the Conference. We would particularly like to see a concerted effort on their part directed toward the establishment of appropriate international arrangements, including an interim scientific Commission, which could begin functioning even if the nuclear powers cannot reach full agreement now on suspension of underground testing.

3. I also agree in general with list of points you have suggested might be put to the neutrals. There are, however, two points in paragraph 6(a) of your reference telegram which I believe you should not raise in your discussions with them;

(i) A "quota" of events which would require inspection. This concept is not in line with our own proposal which suggests that *all* "doubtful" events would be investigated by the interim Commission and that a decision would be taken by vote as to which ones required on-site inspection, and for the time being at least I do not think you should raise it with the non-aligned delegations.

(ii) The idea of a "two tier Commission," part dealing with scientific and part with political questions, may raise unnecessary complications in working out the organization of an interim Commission; accordingly, I believe it should be played down unless the neutrals themselves are already thinking in these terms and there is some indication that it might be considered useful by the nuclear powers.