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VISIT OF O.A.S. SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced that the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, Mr. Galo Plaza, will arrive in Ottawa this evening for talks tomorrow with Canadian Ministers and officials.

During the past few years it has been customary for the Secretary-General of the O.A.S. and the Secretary of State for External Affairs to meet from time to time to discuss matters of common interest. Mr. Galo Plaza is now paying his first call on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp. Canadian Ministers and officials will take the opportunity, in the context of the current review of relations with Latin America, to consult with Mr. Galo Plaza on Latin American affairs and on O.A.S. matters in which Canada has an interest.

Before his election to the office of Secretary-General of the O.A.S. in February 1968, Mr. Galo Plaza had a distinguished career in the public life of his own country, Ecuador, of which he was President from 1948 to 1952, and he has undertaken important assignments for the United Nations in Lebanon, the Congo and Cyprus.