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The Department of External Affairs released today the names of delegates from fourteen countries that will be attending the Colombo Consultative Committee meeting which will be held in Ottawa October 4-9. This will be the first meeting to take place in North America.

The leaders are as follows:-

<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	-	Rt. Hon. R. G. Casey, Minister of External Affairs
<u>BURMA</u>	-	U Tun Shein, Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office
<u>CAMBODIA</u>	-	Mr. Phlek-Phocun, Director of National Planning
<u>CANADA</u>	-	Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs.
<u>CYPRON</u>	-	Hon. M. D. H. Jayawardene, Minister of Finance
<u>INDIA</u>	-	Hon. C. D. Deshmukh, Minister of Finance
<u>INDONESIA</u>	-	Dr. Sunarjo, Minister of Foreign Affairs
<u>LAOS</u>	-	H. E. Oudot Souvannavong, Minister to United States
<u>NEPAL</u>	-	Major-General Mahabir Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>	-	H.E. T. C. A. Hislop, High Commissioner for New Zealand in Canada, Ottawa
<u>PAKISTAN</u>	-	Hon. Chaudri Mohammed Ali, Minister of Finance
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>	-	The Hon. Marquess of Reading, Minister of State, Foreign Office
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	-	Mr. Samuel C. Waugh, Assistant Secretary of State
<u>VIETNAM</u>	-	H.E. Tran Van Chuong, Ambassador to United States
<u>OBSERVERS</u>	-	

Colombo Plan Council for Technical Co-operation -

Dr. P. W. E. Curtin, Director of Council for Technical Co-operation
 Mr. J. L. Sharma, Information Officer, Council for Technical Co-operation

E.C.A.F.E. - Not known

INTERNATIONAL BANK - Mr. F. D. Gregh, Director, Department of Operations, Asia and Middle East

THAILAND - Representative from Thai Embassy, Washington.

The preliminary meetings of officials from the Colombo Plan countries will get under way in the Parliament Building on Monday, September 20 at 10 a.m. These officials will meet daily for the next two weeks to draft a progress report in preparation for the meeting of the Ministers which will open on October 4.

Officials from the various countries have commenced to arrive in Ottawa, but the greatest number will reach the capital over the week-end, and by Monday it is expected that approximately fifty will be assembled. Delegation heads are not expected here until the week-end of October 2.