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Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson made the following statement in the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence on April 13:

Late last week, the Prime Minister received by telephone an urgent request from the Secretary-General of the United Nations asking Canada to provide a contingent of signallers for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

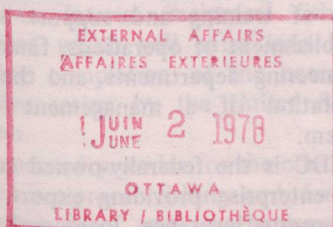
Following careful consideration by the Government, the Prime Minister telephoned Mr. Waldheim Tuesday, April 11 and informed him that we agreed to respond positively to this request once certain conditions were clarified.

the Government is satisfied that this is a task we can and will accommodate. We will set up a communications network for UNIFIL similar to those we operate in other peacekeeping units in the Middle East, namely UNEF and UNDOF. The fact that we are already engaged in this activity in the area means that, not only do we have the capability and the experience but also we are able to use less manpower than would otherwise be required.

Communications network

Yesterday, I went to New York and met with Under-Secretary General Brian Urquhart and several UN officials to gain an assessment of the current situation and the prospects for UNIFIL and to discuss in detail the nature of the task expected of Canada. As a result of this meeting,

From the beginning of the UNIFIL operation, our position has been clear and consistent. Initially, we deployed 35 of our forces already in the area to facilitate the arrival and establishment of the force. We said that we were prepared to consider sympathetically a request for participation in UNIFIL provided we had the capacity to perform the role requested



At the Signals Detachment UNIFIL headquarters in Lebanon, Master Corporal Mark Benniger (left) of Sudbury, Ontario and Corporal Peter Bosdet of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, operate communication equipment.

Eleven years ago tomorrow Expo '67 opened in Montreal.

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