

(d) Press Arrangements

At its first meeting, the Interdepartmental Committee (See (b) above) set up a Press Arrangements sub-committee under Mr. Freifeld's chairmanship. The sub-committee not only assembled and sent to Washington information kits for all newsmen, but at the same time (November 10) sent to the Canadian Embassy in Washington 75 copies of the official Arrangements booklet (See attachment "A") together with 75 copies of booklet Public Information Arrangements (See attachment "B"). Seventy of these 75 copies were for transmission by the Embassy to Mr. James C. Hagerty, the President's press secretary.

the A joint communiqué (See attachment marked "C") was issued at the close of the Presidential visit. (The first draft of this Communiqué emanated from State Department on October 29, 1953 - see telegram of that date from Canadian Embassy, Washington on file 11912-A-40)

The President's press secretary, Mr. Hagerty, was informed on November 6 that a reception and buffet would be offered the visiting press by the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery in the Parliamentary Committee Room of the House of Commons at 6.00 pm on November 13. (The SSEA had authorized an expenditure of up to \$700 for the purpose of extending press hospitality - the amount actually expended was much less than the sum authorized) The Chief of the Parliamentary Press Gallery undertook to make all arrangements in conjunction with the President of the Gallery and Mr. Freifeld.

(e) Sources:

Department of External Affairs Annual Report 1953  
DEA Monthly Bulletin December 1953  
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Hansard (Session 1953-54 Vol I) p 34 November 16, 1953.