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TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT ON MORNING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1964,  
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HON. PAUL  
MARTIN TO U THANT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CANADA WARM WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

ALL CANADIANS ARE HEARTENED BY YOUR RETURN TO HEALTH AND THE  
ACTIVE RESUMPTION OF YOUR DUTIES AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
ORGANIZATION. MAY I EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IN 1965 YOU WILL  
ENJOY BOTH A FULL MEASURE OF GOOD HEALTH AND THAT INNER STRENGTH  
OF PURPOSE NEEDED TO SUSTAIN YOUR DEVOTION TO THE HIGH  
RESPONSIBILITIES YOU BEAR.

THE BURDENS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON YOUR CAPACITY FOR  
DIPLOMACY AND INVENTIVENESS DURING THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN  
PARTICULARLY HEAVY. NO ONE IS IN A BETTER POSITION THAN YOURSELF  
TO APPRECIATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN  
FORCED TO IMPROVISE NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY BUT  
ALSO IN ORDER TO CONDUCT ITS OWN AFFAIRS IN AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE REGARD THE UNITED NATIONS AS  
EMBODYING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL MANKIND FOR A BETTER  
WORLD ORDER. ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR  
OF THE ORGANIZATION WE WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND IN THE PART IT MUST CONTINUE TO PLAY IN PUSHING  
OUTWARDS THE BOUNDARIES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PARTICULARLY