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Following is the text of a joint communique issued simultaneously in Ottawa by the Department of External Affairs and in Washington by the United States Department of State:

The first meeting of the Joint United States-Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs was held in Washington on the 16th of March. The United States was represented by:

Hon. John Foster Dulles,  
Secretary of State

Hon. George M. Humphrey,  
Secretary of the Treasury

Hon. Ezra Taft Benson,  
Secretary of Agriculture

Hon. Sinclair Weeks,  
Secretary of Commerce

Canada was represented by:

Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, M.P.,  
Minister of Trade and Commerce,  
and Defence Production

Rt. Hon. James Garfield Gardiner, M.P.,  
Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Douglas Charles Abbott, M.P.,  
Minister of Finance

Hon. L.B. Pearson, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for  
External Affairs

In addition to the members of the Joint Committee, Governor Adams, the Assistant to the President, the Honourable Douglas Stuart, United States Ambassador to Canada, and Dr. Gabriel Hague, Economic Assistant to the President, participated in the discussions.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for United States and Canadian Ministers to examine the trade and economic problems that are common to both countries.