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President Eisenhower's Visit

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The recent visit of the President of the United States to Canada's capital, afforded the public opportunities of brief glimpses of the popular former Supreme Allied Military Commander of the last war, and his charming wife.

Not the first occasion on which an American chief of state has visited Canada, security arrangements were similar to those in effect during the Ottawa visits of former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. Thus for this event the RCMP was once again closely associated with an American President and the warm friendliness of President and Mrs. Eisenhower made official duties a distinct pleasure. That the pleasure was not one-sided is reflected in the gracious letter sent from The White House to Commr. L. H. Nicholson:

The White House

Washington

November 16, 1953.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

The service rendered and the many courtesies shown by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to Mrs. Eisenhower, my party and me during our visit to Ottawa give me the impulse to send to each a personal expression of my gratitude. This being impossible, I do hope that you will make sure that officers and men alike learn how much I admire their appearance and obvious efficiency, and how appreciative I am of their thoughtful kindnesses.

I trust it is not amiss for me to compliment you individually on the character of