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## VOICES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

The following is a partial text of an address by Prime Minister Diefenbaker at a ceremony on December 19 in Ottawa inaugurating the new trans-Atlantic telecommunications cable linking Great Britain and Canada:

"...The opening of the new trans-Atlantic telecommunications cable, known as CANTAT, which will link the United Kingdom and the Dominion of Canada, is a truly historic event.

"It was this Government which proposed at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference held in Montreal in September 1958 that the Conference accept the plan in principle for a round-the-world Commonwealth telephone-cable system. I should add that Lord Home, now the Foreign Secretary, who represented Britain at the Montreal Conference, supported the Canadian proposal.

"Her Majesty The Queen has graciously consented to address to me the first words which will be carried officially over the new cable, and it is an honour which has been given to me to participate with Her Majesty in the conversation which in a few minutes will officially open the cable, the first link in the Commonwealth system.

"The new trans-Atlantic cable will provide 60 additional circuits between Britain and Canada, and will join those in earlier cables laid between Britain and Canada and the United States. These circuits will eventually be connected by the Canadian inland circuits to the Pacific cable, which will, when completed in 1964, go to New Zealand and Australia.

"As the Commonwealth cable proceeds ever westward, additional countries have been brought

into the planning. Last June, the Governments which have already participated in the planning and construction of the Atlantic and Pacific cables - the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand - met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, with those other Commonwealth countries interested in cable extension from Australia to Southeast Asia.

"Agreement on the construction of SEACOM, as the third link will be called, will pave the way for the consideration of the fourth link stage, which will include India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

"It is 87 years ago since Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone at Brantford, Ontario. On August 10, 1876, the first telephone message in history was sent from Paris, Ontario, to Brantford -- a distance of eight miles. Vast changes have taken place since Bell's telephone-wire carried only voice on a one-way transmission. The CANTAT cable will carry most of the other media of mass communication -- telex, telegraph, radio photographs, slow-scan television and data transmission.

"The construction of the Commonwealth round-the-world cable represents and means more than improved communication.

"The cable will be an incentive and impetus to Commonwealth trade, since trade depends upon communications for its proper development. Trade between nations has always followed the best communication routes, and the new cable facilities will not only assist in expanding trade between Commonwealth countries but will improve trade between individual Commonwealth countries and non-Commonwealth countries...."