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**Le haut-commissionnaire au Royaume-Uni au secrétaire d'État  
aux Affaires extérieures**

**High Commission in United Kingdom to Secretary of State for  
External Affairs**

**Telegram 1565**

**Secret. Immediate.**

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Following for the Prime Minister from Pearson. Begins: Yesterday I met the Deputies of the North Atlantic Council and made to them a short statement which is being sent by airmail. It was very general in character, but seems to have been pretty well received.

2. In the morning I had a press conference as the journalists here, especially the Canadians, had been clamouring for some statement. The first question was on Malik's broadcast, and I expressed the view that while there were a great many ambiguities in the Soviet statement, and though we had had unhappy experiences in the past with certain Russian statements on issues of this kind, nevertheless it would be a great mistake not to follow up Mr. Malik's proposals, so that we could at least find out what they meant. I added that if they contained a satisfactory basis for ending the Korean war, on terms which the United Nations could accept, then we should make the most of it. I referred to the "cease-fire" proposals of last December as constituting at that time, such a satisfactory basis, and suggested that they should be re-examined.

3. I received by telegram last night your own comments on this matter in the House of Commons, which have also been reported in the press here.

4. Lie, who is flying back from Norway to New York, has sent a message to London that he is anxious to see me here between planes. I am conferring with Mr. Morrison at 3:30 this afternoon, and will then go out to the airport to see Mr. Lie. I shall cable you if there is anything to report after that talk. Ends.