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Mr. Chrétien will have a bilateral meeting with USA Secretary of State George Shultz in Jakarta as part of the quarterly consultative meetings between the Canadian and American Foreign Ministers. This meeting is expected to cover several key bilateral and multilateral issues.

Mr. Chrétien noted that the trip will enable him to meet with a large number of foreign ministers including those from Canada's two largest trading partners, the six ASEAN countries, Australia, and Papua New Guinea, as well as with the Defence Minister of New Zealand.