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VISIT OF NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LORD CARRINGTON

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Lord Carrington, will visit Canada January 20-24, 1985.

Lord Carrington will be accepting an invitation extended by the Government to make his first formal visit to Canada since becoming Secretary General. In Ottawa, he will be calling upon the Governor General, and will be meeting with the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Minister of National Defence. The Secretary General will also be seeing members of the House of Commons and Senate committees dealing with external affairs and defence.

Discussions during the visit are expected to focus on East/West relations, the state of the North Atlantic Alliance, Canada's continuing political and military commitments to NATO, and arms control.

Lord Carrington will be addressing a meeting of the Empire Club in Toronto on January 23rd and a meeting of the Canadian Club in Montreal on January 24th.