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Following is the text of a letter delivered by John Holmes, Acting Permanent Delegate of Canada to the United Nations, to Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, at Lake Success this afternoon:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your message dated July 14, 1950, concerning additional assistance to the forces operating in Korea under authority of the Security Council's Resolution of June 27.

I am instructed to inform you that the Canadian Government has given full and earnest study to the request contained in your message in the light both of the needs of the Korean situation and of the other interests and responsibilities of Canada.

The Canadian Government understands that there is an immediate need for additional air transport. It has therefore decided to make available, at once, to the United Nations a long-range air transport squadron including ground crews of the Royal Canadian Air Force, for assistance in the Pacific air lift. In accordance with your suggestion, the detailed arrangements for the participation of this squadron will be made with the unified command established under authority of the Security Council.

With respect to ground forces, for the reasons indicated in a statement issued by the Prime Minister on July 19 (of which I am enclosing a copy) the Canadian Government is unable, at this stage, to despatch existing first line elements of the Canadian Army to the Korean theatre.

You will observe that in Mr. St. Laurent's statement reference is made to the Canadian Government's willingness to give consideration to participation in a United Nations force for service in Korea should a decision to that effect be taken by the Security Council.

With respect to naval assistance, you are aware that three Canadian destroyers are already proceeding to Korean waters for service under the unified command.

As you will observe from the Prime Minister's statement, the Canadian Government, having in mind its defence responsibilities, including those as a member of the United Nations, is taking immediate steps for strengthening and increasing its armed forces.