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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1956.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE SAVANG VATTHANNA, CROWN PRINCE OF LAOS, WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, FROM WASHINGTON TO PAY HIS FIRST VISIT TO CANADA. THE CROWN PRINCE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DAUGHTER, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS SAVIVAN, AND BY HIS EXCELLENCY OUDOT R. SOUVANNAVONG, THE AMBASSADOR OF LAOS TO THE UNITED STATES AND MR. CHAO SOPSAISANA, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE ROYAL LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT.

H.R.H. PRINCE SAVANG WILL ARRIVE AT UPLANDS AIRPORT AT 8 P.M. THIS EVENING IN A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT VISCOUNT. THE CROWN PRINCE AND HIS PARTY WILL BE MET BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE HONOURABLE RENE L. BEAUDOIN, AND BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. E. D'ARCY MCGREER AND OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. WHILE IN OTTAWA THE PARTY WILL STAY AT THE CHATEAU LAURIER. ON SATURDAY MORNING, THE CROWN PRINCE WILL CONFER WITH THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WILL LATER VISIT THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS. AT 1 P.M. HE AND HIS PARTY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AT A LUNCHEON AT THE COUNTRY CLUB WITH MR. BEAUDOIN AS HOST.

AT 4 P.M., THE LAOTIAN GUESTS WILL LEAVE UPLANDS AIRPORT FOR QUEBEC CITY AND WILL BE WELCOMED THERE BY MR. LIONEL MASSEY, SECRETARY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. THE 100-MAN GUARD OF HONOUR WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE 3RD BATTALION, THE CANADIAN GUARDS, AND THE BAND WILL BE FROM THE ROYAL 22ND REGIMENT. THERE WILL BE A 21-GUN SALUTE BY THE 6TH FIELD REGIMENT. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, PRINCE SAVANG WILL BE RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AT THE CITADEL. THAT EVENING THE CROWN PRINCE, WHO WILL STAY AT THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC HOTEL, WILL BE THE GUEST THERE AT A STATE DINNER GIVEN ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BY SENATOR PAUL HENRI BOUFFARD, Q.C. ON SUNDAY, THE PARTY WILL VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST IN QUEBEC CITY AND WILL LEAVE QUEBEC CITY FOR WASHINGTON THAT AFTERNOON.

CANADA HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE 1954 ON THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR LAOS AND HAS DEVELOPED CLOSE TIES WITH THAT COUNTRY WHICH HAVE BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE CO-OPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE COLOMBO PLAN.

PRINCE SAVANG IS THE ELDEST SON OF HIS MAJESTY KING SISAVANG VONG AND IS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS AND PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. HE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 19 AFTER VISITS IN FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.