

59/1 SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR A PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Text of notes exchanged between the Government of the Soviet Union and the Government of Canada concerning the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany.

Note: The text of a draft peace treaty as proposed by the Soviet Union follows the notes.

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Excellency:

I have the honour to transmit the reply of the Canadian Government to the Note concerning the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany dated January 10, 1959, from the Government of the U.S.S.R.

As the Soviet Government's Note points out, the absence of a peace settlement with Germany leaves unresolved many important problems. The Canadian Government contests a number of statements in the Soviet Government's Note, but is of the opinion that these points should be examined as part of a general review of the German question in all its aspects by representatives of the four states, the U.S.S.R., France, the United States and the United Kingdom, which, as former occupying powers, have special responsibilities for Germany. The Canadian Government considers that until the results of such a four-power meeting have been assessed it would not be useful to take a decision as to the holding of a large peace treaty conference attended by Canada and other participants in the war against Germany.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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