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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1957.

THE HONOURABLE J. M. MACDONNELL, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED SPECIAL ENVOY TO REPRESENT CANADA AT THE CEREMONIES IN KUALA LUMPUR BETWEEN THE 30TH OF AUGUST AND THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER, 1957, TO MARK THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS, WILL DEPART FROM UPLANDS AIRPORT, OTTAWA ON MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19.

MR. MACDONNELL, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL FLY TO KUALA LUMPUR ABOARD AN R.C.A.F. AIRCRAFT. TAKE-OFF WILL BE AT 9:00 A.M. FROM NO. 412 TRANSPORT SQUADRON HANGAR.

EN ROUTE TO KUALA LUMPUR, MR. MACDONNELL WILL MAKE SHORT STOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, WAKE ISLAND, MANILA AND SINGAPORE. AFTER THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES HE WILL PAY SHORT VISITS TO NEW DELHI AND KARACHI WHERE HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN AND PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT LEADERS BEFORE RETURNING TO OTTAWA VIA LONDON.