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Mr. Jamieson's visit to Brazil, Peru and Colombia

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Donald C. Jamieson, and a delegation of senior Canadian officials, returned home on January 26, after a 15-day visit to the South American countries of Brazil, Peru and Colombia.

Mr. Jamieson was received by the Presidents of all three countries — President Ernesto Geisel of Brazil, President Francisco Morales Bermudez Cerrutti of Peru and President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen of Colombia — and held discussions on international affairs and bilateral relations with the foreign ministers and other senior officials of the countries he visited.

Coal contract with Brazil

In Brazil on January 17, in the presence of Mr. Jamieson and Brazil's Mines and Energy Minister, Shigeaki Ueki, a letter of understanding was signed between Kaiser Resources of British Columbia and C.V.R.D., a major Brazilian iron ore company, for C.V.R.D. to purchase up to 10 percent interest in Kaiser's new coal mine at Sparwood, B.C., which produces some two million tons a year. Company presidents Edgar F. Kaiser Jr., and Fernando Reis signed the document.

In addition, C.V.R.D. agreed to pur-

chase a minimum of 250,000 long tons annually from the new mine if the project goes ahead. If all equity and sales contracts are completed by the end of the first semester this year, production will begin in 1980.

Kaiser Resources is conducting engineering feasibility studies in Brazil on the expansion coal mine there, which could lead to equity participation by Kaiser in a Brazilian thermal coal mine.

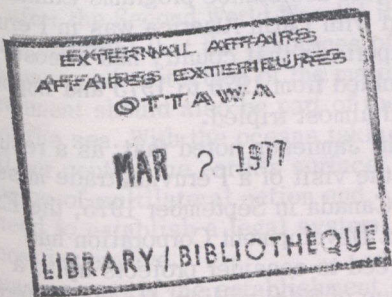
Two shipments of coal from Kaiser's present mining operations have been sent to Brazil and the company is negotiating a long-term contract of up to 200,000 long tons a year from the existing mine.

Excerpts from communique

Mr. Jamieson and Brazil's External Relations Minister, Azereda da Silveira, reviewed major multilateral and bilateral questions of mutual interest. As the joint *communiqué* issued on January 13 indicates:

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"The two ministers reaffirmed the importance they attribute to the working of the Canada-Brazil Joint Committee on Economic Relations and Trade



Secretary of State for External Affairs Donald C. Jamieson (left) is received by President Ernesto Geisel of Brazil, during a 15-day visit to Brazil, Peru

and Colombia in January. An interpreter sits between them and, nearest the camera, is Brazil's External Relations Minister, Azereda da Silveira.

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