

Macdonnell in 1959. John Holmes left the Department of External Affairs at the end of the year. At the Cabinet level, George Hees replaced Gordon Churchill as Minister of Trade and Commerce, while Douglas Harkness took up the post of Minister of National Defence in place of George Pearkes. Both these appointments were made in October 1960. Ellen Fairclough and Donald Fleming retained their portfolios as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Minister of Finance.

Documents in this volume were selected primarily from the records of the Department of External Affairs and the personal files of Prime Minister Diefenbaker, held at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre in Saskatoon. Additional documents were chosen from the files of the Privy Council Office, the Department of Finance, the Department of Trade and Commerce, and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, as well as from the private papers of Cabinet ministers and senior government officials. In preparing the volume, researchers were given unrestricted access to the files of the Department of External Affairs and generous access to other collections. A complete list of the archival sources consulted to prepare this volume is found on page xxix.

The selection of documents for Volume 27 has been guided by the general principles outlined in the Introduction to Volume 7 (pp. ix-xi), as amended in the Introduction to Volume 20 (p. xxiii). The series continues to attempt to provide a self-contained record of the major foreign policy decisions taken by the Government of Canada, by concentrating on Canada's most important bilateral and multilateral relationships and on the major international issues that directly involved Cabinet members and senior bureaucrats in substantive policy decisions. Some passages and names have been omitted in accordance with the provisions of the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act. These deletions are indicated in the documents.

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