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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1959.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT BRIGADIER C.S. BOOTH, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT WILL HEAD THE TEN-MAN DELEGATION TO THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION BEING HELD IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA FOR A MONTH BEGINNING JUNE 16.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE MR. J.R. BELCHER, SENIOR CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO; DR. T.G. HOW, MR. R.J. CROSSLEY AND MR. P.K. CASEY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT; MR. A.S. MCDONALD, MR. J.P. HOULE AND MR. R. AZZIE OF THE AIR TRANSPORT BOARD; MR. K. MACLELLAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MR. R.C. MONK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR ASSEMBLY OF ICAO TO BE HELD SINCE THE MEETING IN CARACAS IN 1956. A LENGTHY AGENDA WILL DEAL WITH THE MANY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION. THE ADVENT OF JET AIRCRAFT WILL LEAD TO A REVIEW OF ICAO'S POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR THE PROVISION OF AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED ARISES FROM THE FACT

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THAT MANY OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES HAVE NEITHER THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OR THE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

A PROGRAM TO REDUCE DELAYS ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND OTHER REGULATIONS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

CANADA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ICAO COUNCIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION.

AT THE MEETING, TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED FOR ANOTHER THREE-YEAR TERM TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WHICH SITS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF ICAO IN MONTREAL.