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FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1963

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Honourable T.T. Krishnamachari, Minister for Economic and Defence Co-ordination in the Government of India, will visit Ottawa on May 13 and 14 at the invitation of the Canadian Government.

Mr. Krishnamachari will be accompanied by Mr. H.J. Desai, Foreign Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, and by Mr. K.S. Shelvankar, adviser on external publicity in the Ministry of External Affairs. The party will arrive at Uplands Airport on Sunday, May 12, at 6 p.m. (TCA Flight 505 from Montreal).

Mr. Krishnamachari will call on the Prime Minister (Monday, 10:30 a.m.), on the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Monday, 9:30 a.m.), on the Minister of Defence Production (Monday, 3:00 p.m.), and on the Minister of National Defence (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.) to discuss matters related to the economy and defence of India and other questions of mutual interest.

Mr. Krishnamachari and his party will depart for Washington at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, via RCAF aircraft from Uplands.

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Note to Editors: Mr. Krishnamachari will meet with the press at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the Large Conference Room of the East Block.

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T.T. KRISHNAMACHARI

Mr. Krishnamachari was born in Madras on November 26, 1899. After studying at the Madras Christian College, Madras University, Mr. Krishnamachari entered into business in 1921. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly from the Indian Commerce constituency in 1937. In October, 1942, he was elected to the Central Legislative Assembly in by-election from the Tanjore-Trichinopoly rural constituency and continued to be a central MLA up to 1945.

He was a member of the Indian Financial Delegation to London in 1946, which discussed terms for the settlement of the Sterling balances.

Mr. Krishnamachari was elected member of the Constituent Assembly of India in 1946 and was on its Drafting Committee. He was also a member of the Provisional Parliament during 1950-52.

Mr. Krishnamachari was elected to the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) from the Madras City general constituency in the general elections of 1952. He was appointed Minister for Commerce and Industry in the Union Cabinet on May 13, 1952 and Minister for Iron and Steel on June 15, 1955.

Mr. Krishnamachari took over the Finance portfolio on September 1, 1956. Having been returned to the

Lok Sabha again in 1957, he continued as Finance Minister up to February 14, 1958.

In the 1952 general elections, Mr. Krishnamachari was returned unopposed to the Lok Sabha from the Tiruchendur constituency in Madras State. Later, towards the end of the year, he was invited to join the Cabinet first as Minister without Portfolio and then as Minister for Economic and Defence Co-ordination.