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The following is the text of a message delivered today, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, by the Acting Permanent Delegate of Canada to the United Nations:

With my letter to you dated June 30 I enclosed the text of a statement which was made by the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, in the House of Commons in Ottawa on June 30. In the course of that statement Mr. St. Laurent declared that... "If we are informed that a Canadian contribution to aid United Nations operations under a United Nations Commander would be important to achieve the ends of peace which is, of course, our only purpose, then the Government wishes Parliament to know that it would immediately consider making such a contribution."

(2) General MacArthur has now been designated by the United States as the Commander of the forces of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea, in accordance with the Security Council's Resolution of July 7. The Canadian Government has, furthermore, been informed that destroyers can be of assistance in United Nations operations for the defence of Korea.

(3) Three Canadian destroyers sailed last week from the Pacific coast of Canada for western Pacific waters. These vessels are hereby made available to the United Nations and appropriate action is being taken by the Canadian Government to place them at once under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief of the forces made available by members of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea against the aggression committed by North Korean forces.

(4) The Commanding Officer of these vessels is being instructed to report to the headquarters of General MacArthur and is being authorized to use the United Nations flag, in accordance with the Security Council's Resolution of July 7.

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(5) It would be appreciated if you would bring this decision of the Canadian Government to the attention of General MacArthur as quickly as possible.
