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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Governments of Canada and Venezuela have agreed to enter into an Exchange of Notes in Caracas on Wednesday, November 22, constituting an Agreement between the two countries which will allow the amateur radio stations of Canada and Venezuela to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties, subject to the conditions set down in the Exchange of Notes. These conditions are that the amateur stations are not paid any direct or indirect compensation, and messages shall be of a technical or personal nature, and where recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified.

Canadian radio amateurs are at present authorized to communicate with radio amateurs throughout the world in compliance with the International Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union and with the Radio Act and Regulations of Canada, provided that communications are made in plain language and limited to messages of a technical nature. Radio amateurs generally are not permitted to use their stations for communications on behalf of third parties. However, the International Radio Regulations recognize that countries may conclude special agreements to permit amateurs of the countries concerned to exchange third party communications. This will be the second agreement of this type to which Canada is signatory, the other being with the United States of America. The Canadian Government is at present negotiating similar agreements with a number of other countries.

Arrangements have been made for the Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Dr. Falcon Briceno, and Mr. Green to exchange greetings in an inaugural hook-up of amateur radio stations. This exchange of greetings will take place on Wednesday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m. EST. Radio amateurs in Canada and in Venezuela will be able to tune in on this exchange of greetings on 14.175-14.200 megacycles. Dr. Falcon will transmit from station YV-5AJ of the Venezuelan Radio Club, and Mr. Green will transmit from station VE3-ATU which is operated by Captain S.T. Chisholm, a member of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. The Ambassador of Venezuela in Canada, His Excellency Dr. Manuel R. Egana, will exchange greetings with the Canadian Charge d'Affaires in Venezuela, A. D. Ross.