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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, IS LEAVING AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, FOR SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. MR. MARTIN, WHO HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE COLOMBO PLAN MEETING IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, WILL BE IN SYDNEY TO ADDRESS THE AUSTRALIAN-CANADIAN COMMITTEE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANBERRA ON DECEMBER 13, WHICH WILL INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS, INCLUDING HEALTH FACILITIES AND CIVIL DEFENCE, WITH OFFICIALS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

MR. MARTIN AND HIS PARTY ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE ON DECEMBER 16. THE CANADIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER THERE WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA, ON THE 18TH AND TO RANGOON THAT AFTERNOON. DURING A 2-DAY VISIT TO BURMA, MR. MARTIN EXPECTS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AREA WITH BURMESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

DURING HIS VISIT TO CEYLON, WHICH BEGINS ON DECEMBER 20, MR. MARTIN WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE CEYLONESE GOVERNMENT. THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IS ENTERTAINING AT DINNER ON THE EVENING OF MR. MARTIN'S ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO IN HONOUR OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED CEYLONESE AND ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING AT A RECEPTION FOR CANADIANS RESIDENT IN CEYLON. MR. MARTIN WILL ALSO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF CEYLON AT KANDY.

THE MINISTER WILL ARRIVE IN INDIA ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS AT DELHI. THE INDIAN VISIT WILL EXTEND FOR TEN DAYS AND WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL VISIT TO BOMBAY TO SEE THE CANADA-INDIA ATOMIC REACTOR.

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MR MARTIN WILL DEPART FROM DELHI ON JANUARY 4 FOR CHITTAGONG AND DACCA IN EAST PAKISTAN. FLYING ON TO PESHAWAR, THE MINISTER WILL VISIT THE WARSAK DAM PROJECT WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF CANADIANS ARE EMPLOYED. IN KARACHI, HE WILL CONFER WITH PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT LEADERS. MR. AND MRS. MARTIN AND THEIR PARTY WILL RETURN TO OTTAWA ON JANUARY 12.