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On February 20, the Canadian and Cuban Delegations concluded the talks held in Havana. After a full and frank exchange of views concerning the issues to be included in a bilateral treaty, it was agreed that further negotiations directed towards its conclusion would take place in Ottawa in the near future.

The Havana meetings took place after a series of contacts between Canadian and Cuban officials over a period of more than a year. The Heads of the respective Delegations, the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, Mr. P. A. Bissonnette, and the Vice-Minister of External Relations of Cuba, Capt. C. Chain, expressed their mutual satisfaction at the spirit of understanding and conciliation which prevailed in the conversations. The results thereof will be submitted to the Governments of Canada and Cuba for consideration. Both delegations likewise wished to record their view that an agreement on the subject will contribute to the security of international air and sea transport.