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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
DON JAMIESON, TO THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN
FROM JANUARY 16-21, 1979

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, will visit Barbados, St. Lucia and Jamaica from January 16 to 21. He will be accompanied by three Members of Parliament and a group of seven Canadian businessmen.

Mr. Jamieson will hold bilateral discussions in Barbados and St. Lucia on Canada's relations with these states, Commonwealth matters of mutual interest, and on other current international issues, including developments generally in the Caribbean region. In particular, Mr. Jamieson will stress the importance Canada attaches to the new Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement between Canada and the Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM). Mr. Jamieson will sign the Agreement in Kingston, Jamaica on January 20, together with Ministers of the twelve Commonwealth Caribbean governments belonging to CARICOM.

While in Barbados, Mr. Jamieson will hold talks with Prime Minister Adams and Foreign Minister Forde. The Minister and his group will have discussions with senior officials of the Caribbean Development Bank, of which Canada is a member. They will also visit the site of the uplands sugar cane separator, a project which is being undertaken with assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency.

In St. Lucia, Mr. Jamieson will hold discussions with Governor Lewis and Premier John Compton, and visit the new Comprehensive School built under CIDA's auspices near Castries, St. Lucia.

In Jamaica, Mr. Jamieson will meet Prime Minister Manley and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister P. J. Patterson and sign the Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement with CARICOM. The signing ceremony will also be attended by Mr. Kurleigh King, Secretary-General of CARICOM.

While in the Caribbean, in addition to discussions with host governments, the Canadian Members of Parliament will meet with groups of local parliamentarians. The businessmen will meet with Caribbean businessmen and government, CARICOM and Caribbean Development Bank officials.

In Jamaica, Mr. Jamieson's group will also participate in a half-day seminar with the CARICOM Secretary-General and officials of several CARICOM Governments on the prospects for Canada-CARICOM relations following the conclusion of the new Economic Co-operation Agreement.