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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW MORNING IN MANILA FOR A VISIT IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE START OF A TOUR OF SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA THAT WILL INCLUDE THE 8TH MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COLOMBO PLAN IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, IN DECEMBER.

WHILE IN MANILA, MR. MARTIN WILL MEET THE PHILIPPINES VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. CARLOS P. GARCIA, WHO IS ALSO THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH DR. PAULINO GARCIA. THE CANADIAN CONSUL GENERAL AND TRADE COMMISSIONER IN MANILA IS MR. H.L.E. PRIESTMAN.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS ASKED MR. MARTIN AND HIS PARTY TO BE THEIR GUESTS DURING THEIR STAY IN SAIGON, NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 20. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. VU VAN MAU AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MR. VU QUOC THONG, WILL EACH ENTERTAIN AT DINNER IN HONOUR OF MR. AND MRS. MARTIN ON THE TWO EVENINGS THEY WILL BE THERE. MR. MARTIN WILL CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, MR. NGO DINH DIEM, AND ON MR. NGUYEN HUU CHAU, THE RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR COLOMBO PLAN MATTERS, AND ON OTHER OFFICIALS. MR. MARTIN WILL MEET THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR VIETNAM, MR. BRUCE WILLIAMS AND OTHER CANADIAN, INDIAN AND POLISH COMMISSION PERSONNEL AT THAT TIME.

THE ACTING CANADIAN COMMISSIONER IN PHNOM PENH, MR. J.W.L.H.

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LAVIGNE, HAS ARRANGED FOR MR. MARTIN TO CALL ON CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 21.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF LACS, PRINCE SAVANG VATTHANA, WHO WAS IN CANADA IN SEPTEMBER, IS AMONG THE LAOTIANS UPON WHOM MR. MARTIN WILL CALL. HE WILL BE IN VIENTIANE FOR NOVEMBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 24, AS THE GUEST OF THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER, MR. P.G.R. CAMPBELL. DURING HIS STAY, THE SENIOR MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE COMMISSIONER, BRIGADIER P.S. COOPER, HAS ARRANGED A VISIT TO A FIXED TEAMSITE AT MUONG PEUN WHERE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES ON THE LAOTIAN COMMISSION ARE STATIONED.

MR. MARTIN WILL REACH BANGKOK ON SUNDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 25, AND HOPES TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, BEFORE LEAVING THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR INDONESIA, TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA HAS INVITED MR. MARTIN AND HIS PARTY TO BE GUESTS OF INDONESIA WHEN THEY REACH DJAKARTA LATE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT, DR. SUKARNO, WHO WAS IN CANADA LAST JUNE AND ON DR. DJUANDA, THE MINISTER OF STATE PLANNING. DR. DJUANDA IS ALSO HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATE TO THE COLOMBO PLAN MEETING.

EN ROUTE TO NEW ZEALAND FROM INDONESIA, MR. MARTIN WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, AND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY WILL VISIT THE CANADIAN OLYMPIC TEAM AT THE TRAINING HEADQUARTERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MELBOURNE.

MR. MARTIN WILL REACH WELLINGTON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3. THE MINISTERIAL SESSIONS OF THE COLOMBO PLAN MEETING WILL BEGIN THE FOLLOWING DAY AND LAST THROUGH DECEMBER 8. ATTENDING WITH MR. MARTIN WILL BE MR. R.G. NIK CAVELL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, THE HEAD OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION, AND OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE.