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PLEASE IMMEDIATELY INFORM MR HAMMARSKJÖLD OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR HIS VISIT TO OTTAWA WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

HE WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, THE HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS DIVISION AND THE HEAD OF PRESS OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS TO BE NO PRESS CONFERENCE IT IS EXPECTED THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE SOME INFORMAL REMARKS TO THEM. IT IS ASSUMED THAT HE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT HE IS NOT PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA BUT IS MERELY COMING TO OTTAWA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE IS NOT COMING OFFICIALLY AS A GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WE ARE FOR EXAMPLE NOT INTENDING TO FLY THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG IN FRONT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING AS WOULD BE DONE WERE HIS VISIT OF AN OFFICIAL CHARACTER. FROM THE AIRPORT HE WILL BE DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTER'S OFFICE. AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES OF MR PERASON AND MR HAMMARSKJÖLD^{ee} THEY WILL HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS LASTING UNTIL THEY PROCEED TO THE COUNTRY CLUB TO LUNCH INFORMALLY WITH MR CLAXTON AND SENIOR OFFICIALS. THE TALKS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE AFTERNOON. THE MINISTER AND MRS PEARSON HAVE INVITED A FEW FRIENDS TO HAVE A DRINK WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THEIR RESIDENCE AT 6 O'CLOCK^o AMONG THE GUESTS WILL BE THE MINISTER OF SWEDEN AND MRS BOOK. INCIDENTALLY MR BOOK INTENDS TO GO TO THE AIRPORT TO GREET MR HAMMARSKJÖLD AS AN OLD FRIEND - NOT AS THE DISTINGUISHED FELLOW COUNTRYMAN. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL DEPART BY COLONIAL AIRLINES AT 7:55 P M. MESSAGE ENDS"