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To: Secretaries of Delegations  
From: Executive Secretary

Canadian Contribution to United Nations  
Emergency Force

The Secretary General has received the attached letter from the Canadian Permanent Representative concerning the Canadian contribution to the United Nations Emergency Force.

(Signed) COLERIDGE

27th November, 1956

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DELEGATION OF CANADA  
TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

DELEGATION DU CANADA  
AU CONSEIL DE L'ATLANTIQUE-NORD

77, rue d'Auteuil, Paris 16e.

November 26, 1956

My dear Secretary General,

I have already made a statement in Council concerning Canadian participation in an emergency international force to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in the Middle East in accordance with the resolution dated 4th November, 1956, which was passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This participation has been considered by the Canadian Government at the request of the Secretary General of the United Nations and you may be interested to have the text of the following Order in Council issued by the Canadian Governor General in Council on November 20th:

"Whereas by a Resolution dated 4 November, 1956, the General Assembly of the United Nations established a United Nations Command for an Emergency International Force to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in the Middle East;

and whereas member nations were invited to contribute self-contained battalion groups to which Canada agreed, as a result of which preparations were made to assemble such a force for dispatch in part by air and in part by H.M.C.S. Magnificent;

and whereas the United Nations Commander has now indicated that the most valuable and urgently required contribution that Canada could make to the force at present would be to supply an augmented transport squadron of the R.C.A.F. and administrative and technical elements of the Army contingent to help in organizing the administration at the base of the force in Egypt;

The Right Honourable The Lord Ismay,  
Secretary General to the North  
Atlantic Treaty Organization,  
Palais de Chaillot,  
Paris (16e).

and whereas the United Nations Commander has also advised that the dispatch of the battalion should now be deferred until consideration of the detailed requirements of the force permits him to determine where and when the battalion can best be used.

Therefore, His Excellency The Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of National Defence, is pleased, hereby, to make the following order:

Order

Authority is hereby given for the maintenance on active service of officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, not exceeding 2500 in number at any one time, as a part of or in immediate support of an Emergency International Force organized by the United Nations to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in the Middle East."

I am forwarding the text of the Order in Council for your information since it does not appear to be necessary for us to take action under Document C-M(55)82(Final) as none of the Canadian forces being placed under this United Nations command are being withdrawn from forces assigned by Canada to SACEUR or SACLANT.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L.D. WILGRESS