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During course of conversation with Secretary of State for External Affairs Howard Green last evening prior his departure on 8-day trip to South America, he gave me following comments:

1. If Khrushchev had been cleverer and less violent he might have left US in bad situation. Impression created Washington that spy flights would continue had created much criticism among friends of US. Violent tactics pursued by Khrushchev however, have more than offset this criticism. Net result in his opinion has been to hurt Khrushchev internationally and cause free world to close ranks.
2. Canadian Government hopes strongly that there be minimum of tough talk at this time and that every effort be made to continue nuclear test ban and disarmament negotiations unless clearly terminated by Russia.
3. Thinks Canada may be implicated and included Russian charges to be presented UN. Somewhat disturbed by fear he does not have complete information concerning mission US weather planes over Canada. Feels he has gone long way out on limb based on assurances Canadian military authorities. States Russian attitude apparently one of complete disbelief in innocence these flights.
4. Unable to learn probable date presentation US open skies proposal UN. Under impression may be held for presentation to Assembly in September. Stated his sources UN indicate considerable opposition particularly if attempt made to extend application proposal beyond NATO nations. Canada would very much like to be consulted before specific proposal presented.

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COMMENTS:

Recommend such further assurances as may be desirable in response US weather planes be given Canadian Government, perhaps in course conversations June 3 between President and Prime Minister.

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