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Set forth below with unnecessary words omitted is text proposed press release re President Queen opening St. Lawrence Seaway which External Affairs states Canadian Special Inter-Departmental Committee for Royal Visit Plans submit to Cabinet committee November 18 for clearance. If US concurs re substance, Special Inter-Departmental Committee proposes simultaneous release Washington and Ottawa early morning November 20. Committee suggests distribution time of release be evening November 19 with embargo until morning November 20. Committee would appreciate US suggestions re exact distribution time and embargo time.

"Commissioner for Royal Visit and Whitehouse announced today that Her Majesty the Queen and the President of the United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower, will jointly declare St. Lawrence Seaway open during Her Majesty's visit to Canada next June. Official opening and dedication ceremonies will take place in vicinity of international boundary between Cornwall and Messena (repeat Massean), N. Y. on June 27.

"Official opening of Seaway and preliminary arrangements for ceremonies were discussed in recent meeting of Canada-United States Committee formed to plan detailed program for Seaway dedication ceremonies. Committee includes from United States, representatives of White-house, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and State Department; and from Canada, officials of St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, Department of External Affairs and Special Inter-Departmental Committee for Royal Visit."

Advise.

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