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WHEAT PURCHASES BY THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND  
SOVIET GOLD SALES ON FREE WORLD MARKETS

Comments by the Canadian Delegation on document AC/127-D/179

On page 3, 6 lines from the bottom, with reference to deliveries received by Communist China in the period January to July, 1964, preliminary Canadian figures show shipments to China of 717,000 metric tons valued at \$52.2 million (Canadian).

2. With reference to paragraph 4 on page 4, dealing with USSR orders for wheat for the period 1963 to 1966, shipments of Canadian wheat and flour to the USSR for the calendar years 1963 and 1964 had an approximate total value of \$458.2 million (Canadian).

3. With reference to Annex I, Canadian shipments of wheat and flour to Eastern Europe for the crop year 1963 to 1964 were as follows:

Bulgaria	260,000	metric tons	
Roumania	264,000	"	"
East Germany	394,000	"	"
Czechoslovakia	781,000	"	"
Poland	457,000	"	"
USSR	5,012,000	"	"

These totals include amounts purchased by the USSR but diverted as follows:

Bulgaria	54,000	metric tons	
Roumania	264,000	"	"
East Germany	394,000	"	"
Czechoslovakia	602,000	"	"
Poland	50,000	"	"

It should be noted that the figure 5,012,000 metric tons in respect of the USSR does not include diversions but represents shipments received for use in the USSR itself.

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4. The situation is as yet unclear regarding possible shipments for the crop year 1964-65 but the figures given in Table II, Annex I, appear to need revision on the basis of the Canadian authorities' first estimates. They are, however, unable to supply more details at present.

The Canadian authorities wish to emphasize that all the above information is preliminary and the metric ton figures have been rounded. Accordingly, the estimates should only be considered approximate.

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