



Seen by  
John G. Diefenbaker

*Miss Pounce*  
*for filing*  
*fs*

*[Handwritten signature]*

House of Commons  
Canada  
Seen by  
John G. Diefenbaker

Ottawa, February 8th, 1962.

Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, P.C., Q.C., M.P.,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

038870

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Attached is copy of the text  
of statement by United States Senator Kenneth Keating  
as broadcast on C.B.C. Newsmagazine, Wednesday,  
February 7th.

Yours respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature: J.W. Murphy]*

J.W. Murphy, M.P.,  
Lambton West.

Encl.

TEXT OF STATEMENT BY

UNITED STATES SENATOR KENNETH KEATING (R., N.Y.)

038871

As broadcast on CBC Newsmagazine  
Wednesday, Feb 7.

" I have always regarded Canada as one of our most dependable allies, and I knew that the Canadian people and the Canadian government would stand shoulder to shoulder with the United States in the event of any showdown with the communists. That I'm confident of, but I cannot understand, therefore, the apparent unwillingness of the Canadian authorities to co-operate fully in imposing economic sanctions against Cuba--and for that matter also against Red China.

" There are some practical Considerations which make it essential for Canada to do its part in the attempt of the Organization of American States to isolate Cuba economically. If Canada stands ready to fill any gaps in the Cuban economy which result from the United States and other Latin American countries refusing to sell to Castro, then it is obvious that the sanctions imposed by the Organization of American States will be largely ineffective.

"No doubt Canada will not permit obvious war materials to be sold to the Castro regime--of that I'm confident. However, every sale which bolsters the Cuban economy strengthens Castro's hold on the Cuban people and supports his dictatorship.

"Even sales of food in some circumstances can be of direct help to communist military objectives. For example, a recent report out of Hong Keng indicates that food shortages in Red China have disillusioned--as it was put in the report--"most of the Chinese soldiers," and has caused considerable unrest among Chinese peasant soldiers.

"I hope that Canada therefore will reconsider its reluctance to join in the moves by the Organization of American States against Castro, and will adopt a course which I think is more consistent with the traditional adherence of Canada to freedom, justice and liberty."

---