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CIA In Canada: Pearson Dismisses Soviet Charges

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OTTAWA, Dec. 31: Canadian Premier, Lester Pearson has dismissed as "quite untrue" Soviet allegations that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was partially directing security measures in Canada. He was answering questions by newsmen on Wednesday about a report in the newspaper 'Izvestia', mouthpiece of the Soviet Government, alleging that the CIA had installed listening devices in the Soviet Embassy here.

Canadian security forces were not remotely controlled in any way from outside Canada, Pearson said.

The Canadian Government was mystified by complaints in 'Izvestia' that an "anti-Soviet campaign" had been launched in Canada by the United States, the Premier said.

The Moscow report had mentioned "gross arbitrariness" in Canadian surveillance of Soviet citizens in Canada, complaining that homes of Soviet citizens had been searched.—PPA/DPA.