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HIS EXCELLENCY LUIS A. BARALT TODAY PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF CUBA TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 11:30 A.M.

THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. N.A. ROBERTSON AND MR. ESMOND BUTLER, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MISS J. HORTENSIA RODRIGUEZ, ATTACHE OF THE EMBASSY.

MR. BARALT WAS BORN IN MARIANAO, PROVINCE OF HAVANA ON AUGUST 11, 1927. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAVANA IN 1951 WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR LAW. HE JOINED THE STAFF OF THE PERIODICAL "SELECCIONES DE READER'S DIGEST" AND IN 1955 WAS TRANSFERRED TO NEW YORK. HE WAS UNTIL RECENTLY, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION OF THAT PUBLICATION. IN JANUARY 1959 HE WAS APPOINTED MINISTER CONSUL-GENERAL OF CUBA IN NEW YORK.

MR. BARALT IS SINGLE.