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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. ABDULLAH NAJJAR, THE NEW MINISTER OF LEBANON, PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE THIS MORNING TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. MR. NAJJAR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. J.B.C. WATKINS, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. J.A. MCCORDICK, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND MR. SHAFIK GHARZUDDINE, COUNSELLOR OF THE LEBANESE LEGATION.

MR. NAJJAR WAS BORN IN 1898 AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF LEBANON, HE HELD A NUMBER OF OTHER POSITIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL BUREAU IN THE GOVERNMENT OF KING FAISAL I IN DAMASCUS IN 1920, DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF DJEBEL DRUZE IN 1923 AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB BUREAU AND OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF PALESTINE IN 1937. AFTER ENTERING THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY, MR. NAJJAR HAS HELD APPOINTMENTS AS CONSUL GENERAL OF LEBANON IN AMMAN, COUNSELLOR OF LEGATION IN BUENOS AIRES AND MINISTER IN MOSCOW.

MR. NAJJAR IS MARRIED.