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DECEMBER 15, 1969DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. Frank G. Hooton, formerly of Winnipeg, as Canadian Ambassador to Finland replacing Mr. H. H. Carter who was recently appointed Canadian Ambassador to South Africa. Mr. Hooton, who since 1967 was head of the Central Planning Staff at Headquarters in Ottawa, will be proceeding to Helsinki shortly.

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FRANK GEOFFREY HOOTON

Mr. Frank Geoffrey Hooton was born in Winnipeg on March 14, 1921 where he obtained a BA degree at the University of Manitoba in 1942. He served in the Canadian armoured corps in the United Kingdom and Europe from 1942 to 1945 and was discharged as a captain. He attended Queen's University following the war and obtained a BA with honours in economics in 1946. During 1946-47 he lectured in Economics at the University of Buffalo before taking up a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford where he obtained a Ph. D. in 1949.

Mr. Hooton joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. In 1948 he was assigned to special duties in Paris relating to the European Recovery Program. From 1952 to 1956 he was a member of Canadian delegations to the North Atlantic Council and to the Organization for European Economic Co-operation. From 1958 to 1961 he was counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Bonn and was appointed from there to the International Control Commission for Vietnam as Canadian Commissioner. From 1964 to 1967 Mr. Hooton was in private business. He returned to the Department of