

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan MacEachen, is pleased to announce that within the framework of the Department of External Affairs' Foreign Visitors Programme, two career foreign service officers will be assigned to a Canadian university for the academic year starting in September, 1974. Mr Allan McGill, Director General of the Bureau of African and Middle Eastern Affairs, will be the Foreign Service Visitor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Mr Edward Rettie, former High Commissioner to Malaysia and Ambassador to Burma, will be the Foreign Service Visitor at Queen's University in Kingston. Biographical sketches are attached.

This programme of secondment of senior officers to Canadian universities, which is now in its sixth consecutive year, has proven rewarding both to the Universities and to the Department. Under this programme, the officers are released from departmental duties for one academic year, to join a University faculty or department where they are available for research, teaching, seminars and consultations related to international affairs under mutually agreed arrangements with the host University.