

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Hon. Warren Allmand, the Solicitor General, accompanied by his wife, will be the Special Representatives of the Canadian Government at the Independence celebrations of the Commonwealth of the Bahama Islands which will take place in Nassau July 6 - 12, 1973. The Canadian High Commissioner to the Bahamas, resident in Kingston, Jamaica, and Mrs. John Harrington will be the other members of the Canadian Delegation.

As is customary on such occasions, Mr. Allmand will present an independence gift on behalf of the Canadian Government to the Honourable Lynden Findling, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahama Islands for display in the House of Assembly, which is the second oldest Parliament in the Commonwealth, established in 1720. This gift is a sculpture in British Columbian jade by a noted Vancouver artist.