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ON AMBASSADOR GOTLIEB'S EXPENSES

The Department of External Affairs today made the following comments:

"The article as written contains many misleading or incorrect assumptions.

Ambassador Gotlieb receives a hospitality allowance to enable him to carry out the most important and onerous representational functions in the Canadian foreign service. He has accounted fully for his expenditure of that allowance and the Department is satisfied that he has carried out this, as in all his other functions, in an exemplary manner.

The Ambassador did not overspend his allocation in the 1985-86 fiscal year. His original allocation was adjusted upwards in the light of the various representational activities he was required to perform.

The Ambassador's allowances for the current fiscal year were reduced as part of a general reduction in allowances to all Canadian Heads of Mission. The cuts he received were somewhat less than others in the light of his responsibilities. To suggest that this was linked to an event which occurred at the Prime Minister's dinner in Washington in March is not only false, but constitutes harassment of an outstanding public servant".