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His Excellency Ali Haider Sulaiman today presented his Letter of Credence as first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iraq to Canada.

The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to the Deputy Administrator, the Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald Martland, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Glazebrook, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Colonel A. G. Cherrier, Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Deputy Administrator on this occasion.

Mr. Sulaiman was born in Rowandiz, Iraq, in 1905. Before joining the Iraqi Foreign Service in 1956, he was a member of Parliament and also served as a delegate to the United Nations. He has served as Ambassador of Iraq in Bonn and is now Ambassador in Washington where he will reside. In addition to being accredited concurrently to Canada, Mr. Sulaiman has, since June 1960, held the concurrent appointment of Minister of Iraq to Cuba.