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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. P.A. Bridle as Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission in Laos. He succeeds Mr. Leon Mayrand who is at present in Canada. It will be Mr. Bridle's second tour of duty in Laos. His earlier tour as Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission was in 1955-56.

Mr. Bridle was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1914. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto. In 1941 he was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Navy and after overseas service he received his discharge as a lieutenant in 1945. He joined the Department of External Affairs in that year. His first assignment was with our former mission in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he was Acting High Commissioner at the time Newfoundland joined Confederation. In 1949 he was named First Secretary at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in New Delhi. He returned to Ottawa in 1952. Following his tour of duty in Laos in 1955, he was appointed Minister Counsellor to Canada's Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Paris. In 1960 he attended the Imperial Defence College in London. His most recent appointment, in 1961, was as Canadian Ambassador to Turkey.

Mr. Bridle is married and has one child.