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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointment:

Mr. Vernon G. Turner (55), born in Toronto, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Mr. Turner [B.A., University of Toronto, 1952; Universities of Hamburg and Tuebingen, 1953; graduate studies, German History, University of Toronto, 1954] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1954. He has served abroad in London, Warsaw, Dar-es-Salaam, and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York. He also served as Minister and Senior Political Advisor to the Delegation of Canada to the International Commission for Control and Supervision in Viet Nam. From 1971 to 1974, he was Director, Eastern Europe; from 1974 to 1978, Minister, Washington D.C.; from 1978 to 1980, Chairman, Policy Planning Secretariat; and from 1980 to 1982, Secretary General, Interdepartmental Secretariat for Foreign and Defence Policy. Since 1982, Mr. Turner has been Ambassador to Israel and High Commissioner to Cyprus. Mr. Turner replaces Mr. P.M. Roberts.

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