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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1963.

His Excellency Aristide Issembé présented to His Excellency the Governor-General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Gabon in a ceremony which took place at Government House today. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Mr. Arnold Smith, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Jean-Marie Nyoundou, Deputy Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations.

Mr. Issembé was born on December 20, 1910 in Libreville, Gabon. Following his education in Gabon and in France, he joined the French Civil Service and served in Ubangi-Shari and Chad until 1949. His Excellency then held high ranking positions in Gabon until his appointment as Ambassador of Gabon to France in 1961. He has been Permanent Representative to the United Nations since June 1962, and was named Ambassador to the United States of America in June, 1963. Mr. Issembé will reside in Washington.

Mr. Issembé is married and has two children.