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P.S. COOPER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER IN LAOS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that Brigadier P.S. Cooper, O.B.E., C.D. is to be seconded to the Department of External Affairs next month. He will take up an appointment as Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos in September, succeeding K.W. MacLellan.

Brigadier Cooper, who was born in Revelstoke, British Columbia, in 1915 and educated in Edmonton, comes to his new appointment with the background of a military career stretching back to 1931, and a record of previous service with the Canadian Delegation to the International Commission in Laos, where he has served on two previous occasions. In August 1956 he was appointed Military Adviser to the Delegation, an appointment he held for a year. When the International Commission in Laos was reactivated in April 1961, he was reappointed Military Adviser and made Alternate Delegate.

Among other senior appointments he has held have been the following: Commander, Canadian Services College, Royal Roads (August 1957 to September 1960); Director of Administration, Army Headquarters (September 1960); Vice-Adjutant General (September 1962); Director General of Personnel Requirements (December 1964).