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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the appointment of Mr. Thomas Paul Malone as the new Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria. Mr. Malone, at present Ambassador to Iran and Iraq, replaces Mr. John H. Cleveland who was recently appointed as Ambassador to Colombia with concurrent accreditation to Ecuador.

Mr. Malone was born in Edmonton on February 8, 1915, and received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta in 1936. After graduation Mr. Malone was with the editorial departments of "The Edmonton Journal" and "The Vancouver Daily Province". He was also a journalist with a number of newspapers in Britain, including "The Times" and in Australia. From 1942 to 1946, Mr. Malone served with the Wartime Information Bureau and, later the Canadian Information Service in Canberra.

Mr. Malone joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and has served in posts in Canberra, Washington and The Hague before being appointed as Ambassador to Iran and concurrently to Iraq in 1962. He is married to the former Deirdre Ingram and they have five children.