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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that Mr. Donald Macalister Cornett, who was recently appointed High Commissioner to Ghana, will, like his predecessor, be concurrently accredited as Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Guinea and Togo.

Mr. Cornett was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1918. He is a graduate of Queen's University. He joined the Canadian Army in 1940, serving overseas in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe. He received his discharge in 1946.

In 1947 Mr. Cornett joined the Department of External Affairs and in 1948 was posted to Oslo. In 1950 he was transferred to Copenhagen where he served as Chargé d'Affaires a.i. until March 1952. He then served in Ottawa until 1955. In that year he was posted to the High Commissioner's Office in Canberra as First Secretary. During the period September 1956 to April 1957 he was Acting High Commissioner. Mr. Cornett was transferred to Karachi in 1958, where he held the position of Counsellor in the Office of the High Commissioner. In 1960 he returned to the Department. His appointment as High Commissioner to Ghana was announced in October.

Mr. Cornett is married and has three children.