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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Michael R. Bell, born in Montréal (Quebec), as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with concurrent accreditation to the Mongolian People's Republic.

Mr. Bell [BComm(Economics), Queen's University, 1961] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in May 1961. He has served abroad in Oslo, London, Madrid, Moscow and as Ambassador to Peru. In Ottawa, he has served as the Director, Policy and Planning Electrical and Electronics Branch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America and Caribbean Branch. Since September 1988, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister, Special Projects: COSICS Implementation. Mr. Bell is married to Christine McCook and they have two children. Mr. Bell replaces Mr. Vernon G. Turner.

Mr. Fred Bild, born in Leipzig (Germany), as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Bild [BA(Sociology), Sir George Williams University, 1957; Diploma, International Law, University College, London, 1961; Diploma, École nationale d'administration, Paris, 1968] joined the Department of External Affairs in June 1961. He has served abroad in Tokyo, Vientiane (Canadian Delegation to the International Commission on Supervision and Control in Indochina), as Minister in Paris and as Ambassador to Thailand. In Ottawa, he was Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and Director of Personnel. In 1987, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Political and International Security Affairs Branch. Mr. Bild is married to Eva Kornpointer and they have three children. Mr. Bild replaces Mr. Earl G. Drake.

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