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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT DR. KURT WALDHEIM PRESENTED THIS MORNING, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AUSTRIA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. DR. WALDHEIM WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE CEREMONY BY MR. JOHN B. C. WATKINS, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BY MR. J. A. MCCORDICK, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND BY DR. WOLFGANG WOLTE, ATTACHE AT THE EMBASSY.

DR. WALDHEIM, WHO WAS BORN IN 1918 AND HAS SERVED IN PARIS AND NEW YORK AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES IN THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WAS APPOINTED MINISTER TO CANADA IN 1956. CANADA'S MISSION IN VIENNA BECAME AN EMBASSY LATE IN 1956 AND THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE RECIPROCATED BY RAISING THEIR MISSION IN OTTAWA FROM LEGATION TO EMBASSY AND APPOINTING DR. WALDHEIM AS THE NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.