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The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Mr. David M. Watters, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Board, as Counsellor (Finance) on the Canadian Permanent Delegation to NATO in Paris. Mr. Watters will take up his new duties on or about September 1st this year. He will replace Mr. Raymond Lachaine who is serving as a financial adviser to the Delegation at the present time and who will return to Ottawa on completion of his posting this summer.

Mr. Watters has served since 1951 as a senior member of the Treasury Board staff in the Department of Finance. During this period he was seconded for a two-year period to Ankara, Turkey, as United Nations Adviser in Public Administration. Following his return he served for two years as Assistant Secretary to Cabinet in the Privy Council Office. Mr. Watters is at present completing a second tour of duty as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Board, and for three years, from 1956 to 1959, served as Secretary of the Board.

Prior to his appointment to the Treasury Board staff, Mr. Watters was employed in a number of departments and agencies including the Department of Fisheries and the Department of National Revenue, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and for a ten-year period as a member, and latterly as Assistant Director, of the Organization and Classification Branch of the Civil Service Commission.