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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, is pleased to announce the following appointment:

Alan W. Sullivan, 42, from Cornwall, Ontario, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. Sullivan (educated at L'Institut des Etudes politiques in Paris, and Georgetown and Queen's Universities) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1964 and served abroad in Saigon, Port-of-Spain, Geneva, Beirut and London. In Ottawa, he has served as Director of European Division and as Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Foreign and Defence Policy. In March 1980 he was appointed Senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Sullivan replaces Mr. A. E. Ritchie, who retired last November.