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STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
RWANDESE REPUBLIC,  
HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL JUVÉNAL HABYARIMANA

At the invitation of His Excellency the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, Governor General of Canada, His Excellency General Juvénal Habyarimana, President of the Rwandese Republic, paid an official visit to Canada from September 21 to 24, 1980. The President was accompanied by his wife and a large ministerial delegation.

During his stay in Canada, the Head of State of the Rwandese Republic had talks with various Canadian dignitaries. These included His Excellency the Governor General who hosted a state dinner in honour of the President on September 23; the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who hosted a dinner at his residence; the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, who also held a luncheon in honour of the Rwandese delegation on September 24; and the Interim President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson.

The Rector of the University of Ottawa, Father Roger Guindon, received the President and his retinue at a luncheon at the University of Ottawa on September 23.

On September 22 the President visited Quebec City where he was received by officials of the Government of Quebec.

The President's visit provided an opportunity to acknowledge the particularly warm and friendly relations between Rwanda and Canada. The talks were conducted in a cordial and co-operative spirit and the two countries were in general agreement on a broad range of issues.