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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. A. J. Pick, at present Canadian Ambassador to Tunisia and Libya, as Ambassador to the Netherlands. Mr. Pick will be succeeding Mr. W. F. Bull, who retired recently after almost 40 years of service with the Departments of Trade and Commerce and External Affairs. Mr. Pick's successor in Tunis will be announced later.

Born in Montreal on April 28, 1915, Mr. Pick studied at McGill University, l'Ecole des études internationales in Geneva and at l'Université de Paris. He was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1940 and joined the Department of External Affairs the same year. Mr. Pick has since served in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canberra, Capetown, New Delhi and Rome. In 1958 he was appointed ambassador to Peru and he has held his present appointment since 1966. In October 1968 he was accredited to Libya. Mr. Pick is married to the former Patricia Ross and has three children.