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APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. J. MCCARDLE AS
SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR (NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS)

The Department of External Affairs announces the appointment of Mr. James J. McCardle to serve as Canada's Special Negotiator (Nuclear Safeguards).

The establishment of this position and the appointment of Mr. McCardle to it is a recognition by the Department of External Affairs of the importance attached by the Government of Canada to the effective implementation of its nuclear non-proliferation/safeguards policy in the field of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Mr. McCardle's mandate will therefore be to negotiate non-proliferation/safeguards agreements with governments of those countries with which the Government of Canada wishes to enter into nuclear co-operation. Mr. McCardle's first task in this regard will be to negotiate a long-term arrangement with Euratom covering the reprocessing of nuclear material subject to the Canada/Euratom nuclear cooperation agreement.

Mr. McCardle was born in 1922 and after having graduated from the University of Toronto and served in the Canadian Army joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946. He has served abroad in Tokyo, Washington, Paris, Dublin and Canberra. Mr. McCardle served as Ambassador to Ireland (1969-1972), and as High Commissioner to Australia (1972-1977). More recently Mr. McCardle has served as Director General of the Bureau of Defence and Arms Control Affairs and as the Canadian Representative on the NATO Special Consultative Group on Theatre Nuclear Force Modernization and Arms Control.