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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announces the following appointment:

J. Russell McKinney (56) born in Summer Hill, New Brunswick, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. McKinney (B. Comm., Dalhousie University) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949. During the 1950's he served abroad in Belgrade, Jakarta and Copenhagen. In 1966 he was appointed High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago and concurrently High Commissioner in Barbados, as well as Commissioner to the Associated States of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia. Between 1969 and 1972, Mr. McKinney was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD in Paris. In 1972 he was appointed Minister (Deputy Head of Post) at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. where he served until his return to Ottawa in 1977. Since then, he has held appointments in the Department of External Affairs as Director General of the Bureau of United States Affairs (1977-79); Special Economic Adviser (1979-80); and since 1980 as Assistant Under-Secretary (Economic) responsible for Energy, Industry and Science Relations. He replaces Claude Charland who will be returning to Canada.