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CANADA WELCOMES NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Reports overnight confirm that a broadly based government has been formed in the Philippines under Mrs. Corazon Aquino. She was sworn in as President last evening. There are confirmed reports that Ferdinand Marcos and his family will shortly be leaving the Philippines.

As a result of these developments, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced this morning that he has instructed the Canadian Chargé d'affaires in Manila to seek an early appointment with Mrs. Corazon Aquino, the President of the Philippines, and confirm to her Canada's willingness to continue its long and friendly relations with the people and Government of the Philippines. It is expected that the Canadian Ambassador designate, Mr. Russell Davidson, will be presenting his credentials to President Aquino shortly after his arrival in Manila later this week.

Prime Minister Mulroney will today be sending a message of congratulations to Mrs. Aquino.