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The Secretary of State for External Affairs the Honourable Howard Green announced today that Mr. B.M. Williams, High Commissioner for Canada in Ghana, has been appointed to represent Canada at the Tanganyikan Independence Celebrations, December 7 to 12. Mr. Williams will carry with him a letter from Mr. Diefenbaker to Mr. Julius Nyerere, the Prime Minister of Tanganyika, extending the good wishes of the people of Canada to the people of Tanganyika on their achievement of independence on December 9.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs also announced that the Canadian gift to her new Commonwealth partner to mark this important occasion would be the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of books. It was thought that a gift of this nature would be particularly appropriate because of the great emphasis which Tanganyika places on raising the educational standards of its people, and the considerable part being played by Canadians in this field in Tanganyika.