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DEATH OF MARCEL CADIEUX,
FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Department of External Affairs announces with deepest regrets the death on March 19, 1981, of Mr. Marcel Cadieux, one of Canada's foremost diplomats. Born in Montreal on June 17, 1915, Mr. Cadieux joined the Department of External Affairs in 1941. During his first twenty-three years in the Department, he served abroad in London, Brussels, Paris, and as Senior Advisor to the International Supervisory Commission in Indochina. From 1964 to 1979, he served as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1970 he was appointed Ambassador to the United States. He subsequently served as Canada's first Ambassador to the European Communities in Brussels. In 1977, Mr. Cadieux was appointed by the Prime Minister as Special Negotiator for Maritime Boundaries (Canada/USA) and in 1978 concurrently assumed responsibilities as Adviser to the Commissioner of the RCMP.

In 1969, Mr. Cadieux was invested with the Vanier Medal, received the Public Service Commission's Outstanding Achievement Award, and was made a Companion of the Order of Canada.

His many friends and colleagues within the Department extend their deepest condolences to Mrs. Cadieux and family.

Mr. Cadieux's body will rest in the Crush Lobby of the Lester B. Pearson Building, from 08:00 to 18:00 hours, Tuesday, March 24, during which time visitors may pay their respects. The funeral will be held at the Cathedral Basalica Notre-Dame of Ottawa on Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

A book of condolence is open for signature in the main entrance hall of the Lester B. Pearson Building until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24.