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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1959.

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MANUEL R. EGANA TODAY PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF VENEZUELA TO CANADA TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 11:30 A.M.

THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. N.A. ROBERTSON, AND MR. E. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, ACTING SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

DR. EGANA WAS BORN AT ZARAZA, STATE OF GUARICO IN 1900: A DOCTOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, HE IS ALSO A LAWYER, DIPLOMAT AND FINANCIER. HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN 1922 AND HAS HELD VARIOUS SENIOR POSITIONS IN THAT MINISTRY AND IN OTHER MINISTRIES. HE WAS MINISTER OF FINANCE (AD-INTERIM), 1936; MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, 1938-41 AND 1949-50. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCIAL MISSION APPOINTED BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO STUDY THE CENTRAL BANK IN CANADA, U.S.A. AND IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF AMERICA AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF VENEZUELA, 1951-58. HE ATTENDED THE FIRST OIL CONGRESS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE IN CAIRO AS VENEZUELAN OBSERVER, 1959.

DR. EGANA IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVEN CHILDREN.