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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. Allan Sydney McGill, at present Counsellor in Tokyo, as Canadian High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, with concurrent accreditation to Kenya and Uganda. Mr. McGill will succeed Mr. N.F.H. Berlis.

Born in Smithers, B.C. on February 1, 1922, Mr. McGill served in Europe with the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia prior to joining the Department of External Affairs in 1948. Mr. McGill served with Canadian diplomatic missions abroad in Pretoria from 1950 to 1954 and in New Delhi from 1957 to 1959. In 1960 he was seconded to the External Aid Office, returning to the Department of External Affairs in 1960 to serve in Tokyo as First Secretary and, later, as Counsellor.

Mr. McGill is married and has three children.

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