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His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim presented today to the Deputy Governor General, the Honourable Mr. Justice P. Kerwin, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Austria to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor General on this occasion. The Acting Chief of Protocol, Mr. Ph. Thibault, presented the Minister to the Deputy Governor General. Mr. J.F. Delaute, Administrative Secretary to the Governor General, was also present. Dr. Waldheim was accompanied by Mr. Rudolf Prasser, Secretary of the Legation.

Dr. Waldheim was born in 1918. He is a Doctor of Law of the University of Vienna. He entered the Austrian Foreign Service in 1945 and participated in the negotiations for an Austrian State Treaty in Paris, London and Moscow. From 1948 to 1955, he served at the Austrian Embassy in Paris. In 1951, he was appointed Head of the Personnel Department of the Austrian Foreign Ministry. Since spring 1955, he has been serving as Permanent Observer of Austria to the United Nations with the rank of Minister.

Dr. Waldheim is married.
