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APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. D. FORD  
AS SPECIAL ADVISER ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today the appointment of Mr. Robert A. D. Ford to the position of Special Adviser on East-West Relations. Robert Ford is the former Canadian Ambassador to Moscow. He is to retire from the Public Service on September 1st, 1980, after a most distinguished 40-year career in the Canadian Foreign Service.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. MacGuigan noted that Robert Ford was uniquely qualified to advise the Government on East-West relations in view of his long period of service in the U.S.S.R. where he has been Ambassador since 1964 and dean of the diplomatic corps since 1972. He had devoted a major portion of his career to the study of East-West relations and Soviet foreign policy, and Dr. MacGuigan said that the Government wished to retain his services as a special adviser and consultant in order to continue to benefit from his unequalled experience and expertise on international issues of current concern.