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ASSIGNMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE VISITORS

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The Department of External Affairs announced today the secondment of Messrs. Gordon E. Cox, Geoffrey A.H. Pearson and Jacques C.J. Cousineau as Foreign Service Visitors to York University, the University of British Columbia and the University of Montreal respectively, for the academic year 1972-73.

Mr. Cox, a graduate of the University of Toronto has recently returned from a posting with dual accreditation as Canadian Ambassador to Thailand and High Commissioner to Bangladesh. Among other posts he held previously are those as Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, and Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet Nam.

A graduate of the Universities of Toronto and Oxford, Mr. Pearson is also a senior officer and has recently returned from an assignment in New Delhi as Counsellor at the Canadian High Commissioner's Office there. He had previous postings in Paris, as Second Secretary, and Mexico, as First Secretary. He also served with the NATO Secretariat in Paris on secondment from the Department from 1958 to 1961.

Mr. Cousineau is a graduate of the Collège André-Grasset and the University of Montreal and has done post-graduate studies at the University of Syracuse. In the course of his career, Mr. Cousineau has been Second Secretary in Beirut, Counsellor in Rome and Counsellor in Addis Ababa, the post from which he has just returned. Mr. Cousineau's activity will be primarily with the Departments of Political Science and Geography in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The Department, for the past three years, has assigned two of its officers to Canadian universities. The increase to three officers, this year, reflects the very favourable response from Canadian universities to the Foreign Service Visitors Program, one of the activities of the Service of Academic Relations of the Department.