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NEW DESIGNATION FOR SIX CANADIAN CONSULAR POSTS IN THE UNITED STATES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today the change in designation for six Canadian Consulates in the United States. The elevation to the status of Consulates General was taken by the Government in recognition of the increasing responsibilities they have in contributing to effective representation of Canadian interests in the United States.

The new consulate general designation is for posts in Buffalo, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Minneapolis and Philadelphia. The names of and biographical notes on the consuls-general are attached.

"This action is in recognition of the changing role of our consular posts in the United States," said Dr. MacGuigan. "They were originally established to provide consular services and facilitate trade relations between Canada and the United States, but over time have developed expanded program interests, including the explanation of Canadian policies to key community leaders throughout America, the dissemination of information on Canada, and visa issuance to immigrants or travellers from third countries." Dr. MacGuigan said that the effective and positive management of relations with the United States has always been a central goal of Canadian foreign policy. National development policies in Canada are not always readily understood in the United States and it is essential that we have the ability to speak clearly and directly to those persons, or organizations, who can be affected by our plans and actions.

The other U.S. consular posts are established already as consulates general: they are Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

HEADS OF USA POSTS NOW DESIGNATED AS CONSUL GENERAL

Buffalo:

William R. VAN, 60, was appointed to Buffalo in August, 1979. He is a Foreign Service Officer and Trade Commissioner with previous experience in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Ottawa. He is a native of Quebec City.

Cleveland:

Norman W. BOYD, 49, was appointed to Cleveland in August, 1979. He is a Foreign Service Officer and Trade Commissioner who has served in several European posts, Washington, D.C. and Tokyo. Mr. Boyd is a native of Russels (Ontario).

Dallas:

Frank T. JACKMAN, 52, became Consul in Dallas in September, 1980, transferring from Dusseldorf, Germany where he had been Consul-General. He is the former General Director of the Office of International Projects, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He is a native of Montreal.

Detroit:

T. Francis HARRIS, 62, has been Consul in Detroit since August, 1976. He is a Foreign Service Officer and Trade Commissioner who has served previously in the Hague, Mexico, New Orleans, Bombay and Rio de Janeiro. He is a native of Ottawa.

Minneapolis:

George E.B. BLACKSTOCK, 48, was appointed to his present position in August, 1979. He was formerly Deputy Consul General in New York, and has had a variety of postings abroad and at headquarters. Born in Toronto, he is a Foreign Service Officer and Trade Commissioner.

Philadelphia:

Willard G. PYBUS, 60, has been Consul since September, 1978, having served previously in Moscow, Canberra, Washington and in various headquarters positions with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, which he joined on graduation from the University of Alberta. Mr. Pybus is originally from Kitsgoty (Alberta).