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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Government of Canada and the Government of El Salvador have agreed to establish diplomatic relations. Mr. Green also announced that Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, the Canadian Ambassador resident in Costa Rica, has been appointed concurrently to El Salvador. Mr. Delisle will continue to reside in San Jose and will make periodic visits to El Salvador in discharging his duties as Ambassador to that country. Mr. Delisle is also accredited to Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

With Mr. Delisle's appointment to San Salvador, which he will be visiting shortly to present his credentials, Canada will have completed the establishment of diplomatic relations with all 20 Latin American Republics. El Salvador is the ninth Latin American country with which Canada has established relations during 1961, thus furthering the Canadian Government's expressed intention actively to promote closer ties with all nations of the Western Hemisphere.

JEAN-LOUIS DELISLE

Mr. Delisle was born in Quebec City in 1912. He is a graduate in law from Laval University and holds a degree from Oxford where he was a Rhodes Scholar in 1939. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1942 and has served in Rio de Janeiro, Boston and Warsaw where he was Charge d'Affaires a.i. from 1954 until 1957. In the following year he served as a member of the United Nations Commission in Togoland. On completion of his duties on the Commission he became Head of the Legal Division of the Department of External Affairs. In 1959 he was appointed Counsellor in charge of press and cultural relations at the Canadian Embassy in Paris.

Following the decision to establish diplomatic relations between the Canadian Government and the Governments of the Republics of Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, Mr. Delisle was appointed Canadian Ambassador to these four Central American Republics in the spring of 1961. Mr. Delisle normally resides in San Jose, Costa Rica, but pays regular visits to the other countries to which he is accredited.

Mr. Delisle is married and has two children.