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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the following appointments.

Mr. James George, at present Minister at the Canadian Embassy to France, to be the High Commissioner in India.

Mr. Yvon Beaulne, at present Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, to become Ambassador to Brazil, replacing Mr. Paul Beaulieu, Q.C., who was recently appointed as Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Martin also announced that Mr. Bruce Williams, whose appointment as Ambassador to Yugoslavia was published on July 27 of this year, will also be accredited as Ambassador to Bulgaria and Romania. Diplomatic relations with Bulgaria were established July 4, 1966 and with Romania, on April 4, 1967. Mr. Williams is the first Canadian Ambassador accredited to those countries. He will be resident in Belgrade.

Biographies of Mr. George and Mr. Beaulne are attached.

JAMES GEORGE

Mr. George was born in Toronto on September 14, 1918, and attended the University of Grenoble in France before graduating from the University of Toronto in 1940. Mr. George was a Rhodes Scholar. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in 1940 as an Ordinary Seaman and following duty in the United Kingdom, North and South Atlantic and the Mediterranean, he was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Mr. George joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and has subsequently served abroad in Athens and with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York and in Paris with the Delegation of Canada to the North Atlantic Council. In 1960, Mr. George was appointed High Commissioner for Canada in Ceylon. Upon his return to Ottawa in 1964, Mr. George became Head of the European Division which position he held until 1966, when he was appointed Minister to the Canadian Embassy in Paris.

Mr. George is married to the former Caroline Parfitt and has three children.

YVON BEAULNE

Mr. Beaulne was born in Ottawa in 1919 and graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1941. He served with the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom, North Africa, Italy and Europe prior to his discharge in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Beaulne joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and has since served abroad at Rome, Buenos Aires and Cuba. In 1961 Mr. Beaulne was appointed Ambassador to Venezuela and was later accredited concurrently as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. Since September of 1964, Mr. Beaulne has been serving as Minister in the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Beaulne is married to the former Thérèse Pratte and has five children.
