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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the following appointments in the Canadian diplomatic service:

Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, who has been Canadian Ambassador to Costa Rica and concurrently accredited to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, to be Ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Delisle succeeds Mr. Bruce Williams whose next assignment will be announced in due course.

Mr. J. Blair Seaborn to be Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, succeeding Mr. G. E. Cox, whose tour of duty has been completed.

Mr. Norman F. H. Berlis at present Canadian High Commissioner to Tanganyika and Uganda, to be concurrently accredited as High Commissioner to Kenya. Mr. Berlis will continue to reside in Dar-es-Salaam.

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Mr. Delisle was born in Quebec City on January 14, 1912, and was educated at the Quebec Seminary, Laval University, and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1942, and has served abroad in Rio de Janeiro and in Boston, where he was Acting Consul-General in

1953. In 1954 he was Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in Warsaw, and in 1957 he served as Canadian Representative on the United Nations Commission on French Togoland. Mr. Delisle was named Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Paris in 1959, and in 1961 was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Costa Rica, and concurrently Canadian Ambassador to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. He is married and has two children.

Mr. Seaborn was born in Toronto on March 18, 1924, joined the Canadian Army in 1943, served in the U.K. and Europe and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Bombardier. He then graduated from the University of Toronto and joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948. Mr. Seaborn has served in The Hague, Paris and Moscow, where he served as Counsellor of Embassy from 1959-1962. Since his return to Canada in 1962, Mr. Seaborn has been head of the Eastern European Section of the European Division in the Department. He is married and has two children.

Mr. Berliss was born in Toronto in 1914 and studied at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall. He joined the RCNVR in 1943, saw service in the North Atlantic and received his discharge in 1946. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947, served in Geneva and Rome and returned to Ottawa in 1960. He was appointed to Tanganyika early in 1962. He is married and has two children.