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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the appointment of Mr. Gordon E. Cox as Ambassador to Thailand, where he will succeed Mr. J. C. Britton, who has held the position since 1967, and who will be retiring shortly from the Public Service. Mr. Cox, who is currently Deputy Permanent Representative and Minister at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, will be replaced in New York by Mr. David C. Reece, former Counsellor at the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in New Delhi.

Biographical notes for Mr. Cox and Mr. Reece are attached.

GORDON EDWIN COX

Mr. Cox was born in Toronto on May 19, 1917 and graduated from the University of Toronto. He joined the RCAF in 1942, served in the United Kingdom and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Flying Officer.

Mr. Cox joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and served abroad in New York, Ankara, Washington, Vienna, and Saigon, where he was Canadian Commissioner to the I.C.S.C. in Vietnam. He took up his current assignment as Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1964.

Mr. Cox is married to the former Beverley Grange and has four children.

DAVID CHALMER REECE

Mr. Reece was born in Winnipeg on February 14, 1926 and attended the University of Manitoba.

After serving with the RCNVR from 1944 to 1945, he returned to the University of Manitoba and later studied at Cambridge and at the Inner Temple in London while working for Newman-Neame Ltd. (Publisher). From 1951 to 1952 he was the Assistant Editor of the "English-Speaking World", London.

Since joining the Department of External Affairs in 1952, Mr. Reece has served abroad in New Delhi, Kuala Lumpur, Bonn and London where he was appointed First Secretary in 1960. From 1963 to 1965, he was the Executive Assistant to the Director General of the Canadian International Development Agency. He then served in the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Department until 1967 when he was appointed to his current assignment as Counsellor in New Delhi.

Mr. Reece is married to the former Nina Stone and has four children.