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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HALLGRIMUR FREDERICK HALLGRIMSSON, C.B.E., A CANADIAN-BORN CITIZEN OF ICELAND, AS HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF CANADA IN ICELAND.

THE STATUS OF THE CANADIAN MINISTER TO ICELAND, WHO IS ALSO CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY, REMAINS UNCHANGED, BUT MR. HALLGRIMSSON WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CANADIAN CONSULAR INTERESTS IN ICELAND. AS THE MINISTER TO ICELAND NORMALLY IS NOT ABLE TO VISIT REYKJAVIK VERY FREQUENTLY, THE PRESENCE OF A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL FACILITATE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE ICELANDIC COMMUNITY IN CANADA AND THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CONSELLOR IN OSLO WILL RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND ICELAND.

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HALLGRIMUR FREDERICK HALLGRIMSSON, C.B.E.

MR. HALLGRIMSSON WAS BORN AT GRUND, MANITOBA, ON OCTOBER 17, 1905, AND WAS EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MANITOBA. HE WENT TO ICELAND WITH HIS PARENTS IN 1925. HIS FATHER, FREDERICK HALLGRIMSSON, A LUTHERAN CLERGYMAN, BECAME DEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL IN REYKJAVIK.

AFTER BEING ASSOCIATED WITH GISLASON AND HAY, LIMITED, AT REYKJAVIK, MR. HALLGRIMSSON JOINED THE SHELL COMPANY OF ICELAND IN 1927, BECOMING ITS GENERAL MANAGER IN 1935. HE WAS NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF OLIUFELAGIO SKELJUNGUR H.F. WHEN IT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1956 TO TAKE OVER THE MARKETING INTERESTS OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF ICELAND, OF WHICH HE REMAINS A MANAGING DIRECTOR.

MR. HALLGRIMSSON WAS PRESIDENT OF THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF ICELAND FROM 1945 TO 1949 AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ICELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SINCE 1955. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. IN 1955, HE WAS AWARDED THE GOLD MEDAL OF THE ICELANDIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, AND WAS MADE A COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 1956.