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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HEADQUARTERS  
SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, today announced a number of changes in the senior management of the Department.

Mr. P.A. Bissonnette, previously an Assistant Under-Secretary, is appointed, effective immediately, to be Deputy Under-Secretary with general responsibilities. As the senior Deputy Under-Secretary he will be the Chairman of the Department's Senior Management Committee and Acting Under-Secretary in the absence of the Under-Secretary, Mr. Gotlieb. Mr. Bissonnette will assist the Under-Secretary in a wide variety of activities and will, in particular, assume responsibility for Public Affairs, Federal-Provincial Coordination, Security and Intelligence Affairs, Legal Affairs and Protocol.

Mr. Klaus Goldschlag, also previously an Assistant Under-Secretary, is appointed, effective immediately, to be Deputy Under-Secretary responsible for political relations generally, including nuclear, defence and arms control matters and the United Nations.

Mr. Robert Johnstone, Executive Director of the Anti-Inflation Board, where he was on loan from the Bank of Canada, has been appointed by the Public Service Commission, effective November 1977, to be Deputy Under-Secretary responsible for the economic affairs sector of the Department's activities.

Mr. Jim S. Nutt, previously Director General of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, is appointed, effective immediately, to be Deputy Under-Secretary responsible for administrative and consular affairs, senior appointments and departmental management and personnel generally.

The designation of four Deputy Under-Secretaries is part of a realignment of responsibilities within the senior management of the Department. To enable the Department to respond as effectively as possible to the wide range of important issues in international relations, this realignment of tasks among what were previously seven Assistant Under-Secretary positions has made necessary an organization made up of four Deputy and three Assistant Under-Secretaries.

The Deputy Under-Secretaries are primarily responsible, under the general direction of the Under-Secretary, for supervision and management of broad general areas of the Department's activities, while the Assistant Under-Secretaries will specialize in several sectors of political or economic interest and will be actively involved in negotiations.

In addition to Mr. D.S. McPhail, who was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary in 1976, the Assistant Under-Secretaries being appointed now are Mr. G.H. Blouin, previously Ambassador to Spain, and Mr. J.H. Taylor, previously Director General of European Affairs.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs also announced that Mr. Maurice Copithorne, Director General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs, is appointed concurrently, Legal Adviser.

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Biographical notes are attached.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Mr. Bissonnette (B.A. Laval University, LL.L University of Montreal, Docteur ès Science Politique, University of Geneva) joined External Affairs in 1953 and has served abroad in Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Paris and London where he was Deputy High Commissioner from 1972 to 1975. Since 1975 he has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Bissonnette, 52, was born in Montreal.

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Mr. Goldschlag (B.A. and M.A. University of Toronto, M.A. Princeton University) joined External Affairs in 1949 and has served abroad in New Delhi, London and Vienna. He served as Ambassador to Turkey from 1967 to 1971 and as Ambassador to Italy from 1973 to 1976. Since 1976 he has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Goldschlag, 55, was born in Berlin, Germany.

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Mr. Johnstone, 44, (B.A. University of Toronto, M.Sc. Laval University) joined the Bank of Canada in 1957. He has held a number of positions at the Bank, of which the most recent was that of Adviser to the Governor from 1971-75. From 1961 to 1964 he served with the Royal Commission on Banking and Finance. In 1967, Mr. Johnstone was engaged by the International Monetary Fund where, from 1968 to 1971, he served as Executive Director of the Fund for Canada, Ireland, Jamaica and Guyana. Since 1975, he has been Executive Director of the Anti-Inflation Board.

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Mr. Nutt (B.A. University of Toronto, Barrister-at-Law, Osgoode Hall) joined External Affairs in 1947 and has served abroad in Rio de Janeiro, Washington and San Francisco where he was Consul General from 1970 to 1973. Since 1973 he has been Director General of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

Mr. Nutt, 58, was born in Calgary.

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Mr. McPhail (B.A. and M.A. University of New Brunswick) joined External Affairs in 1956 and has served abroad in Paris, Geneva and Caracas where he was Ambassador to Venezuela from 1970 to 1972. He transferred to the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in 1973. He rejoined External Affairs in 1976 and, since

that time, has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. McPhail, 46, was born in Halifax.

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Mr. Taylor (B.A. McMaster University, B.A. Oxford University) joined External Affairs in 1953 and has served abroad in Hanoi, New Delhi, Paris and Moscow. In 1976 he was appointed Director General of the Bureau of European Affairs and, in 1977, was named Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Taylor, 47, was born in Hamilton.

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Mr. Blouin (B.A. College Ste-Marie, LL.B. University of Montreal) joined External Affairs in 1949 and has served abroad in New Delhi, San Francisco, Athens, Brussels and Yaoundé where he was Ambassador to Cameroon and concurrently to Chad, Gabon and the Central African Republic from 1965 to 1967. He was a Minister in the Canadian Embassy in Washington from 1967 to 1970 and, since 1973, has been Ambassador to Spain.

Mr. Blouin, 56, was born in Montreal.

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Mr. Copithorne (B.A. LL.B., University of British Columbia, Member of the Law Society of British Columbia) joined External Affairs in 1956 and has served abroad in Vientiane, Saigon, Tehran, Kuala Lumpur, Peking and as a Fellow at the Harvard Center for International Affairs, 1974 to 1975. Since 1975 he has been Director General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs.

Mr. Copithorne, 46, was born in Vancouver.