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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan MacEachen, is pleased to announce that within the framework of the Department of External Affairs' Foreign Visitors Programme, two career foreign service officers will be assigned to a Canadian university for the academic year starting in September, 1974. Mr Allan McGill, Director General of the Bureau of African and Middle Eastern Affairs, will be the Foreign Service Visitor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Mr Edward Rettie, former High Commissioner to Malaysia and Ambassador to Burma, will be the Foreign Service Visitor at Queen's University in Kingston. Biographical sketches are attached.

This programme of secondment of senior officers to Canadian universities, which is now in its sixth consecutive year, has proven rewarding both to the Universities and to the Department. Under this programme, the officers are released from departmental duties for one academic year, to join a University faculty or department where they are available for research, teaching, seminars and consultations related to international affairs under mutually agreed arrangements with the host University.

McGILL, Allan:

Born in Smither, B.C., February 1, 1922. BA (Univ. of British Columbia, 1948). Joined RCAF, 1941 (AC 2); served in Britain and Northwestern Europe; discharged, 1945 (F/Lt.). Swift Canadian Co., Vancouver, 1940-41. Joined External Affairs as FSO 1, June 1948. Third Secretary, Pretoria, February 1950; Second Secretary, October 1952; Ottawa, April 1954 (UN Division, O/SSEA); First Secretary, New Delhi, June 1957; Ottawa, July 1959 (Economic Division, External Aid); Counsellor, Tokyo, November 1962. High Commissioner to Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, August 1965; Ottawa, July 1967 (Senior Departmental Assistant to SSEA). High Commissioner to Nigeria and Sierra Leone, September 1970; Ottawa, July 1972 (Director General, Bureau of African and Middle Eastern Affairs).

RETTIE, Edward

Born in Ottawa, October 7, 1920. BA, LL.B. (Dalhousie University, 1942, 1949). Joined Canadian Army, 1942 (Cadet); Japanese Language School, Vancouver, 1944-45; served in Far East; discharged, 1947 (Capt). Joined External Affairs as FSO 1, November 1949. Third Secretary, Tokyo, April 1952; Second Secretary, October 1952; First Secretary, July 1956; Ottawa, September 1956 (Far East, Middle Eastern Divisions); Counsellor, Washington; February 1960; Counsellor, New Delhi, September 1963; Minister-Counsellor, July 1964; Ottawa September 1965 (DL (2) Division); December 1968, Head of DL (2) Division. High Commissioner to Malaysia and Ambassador to Burma. September 1971.