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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Bernard Arthur Gagosz (43) born in Val d'Or, Québec as Consul General in Minneapolis, U.S.A.

Mr. Gagosz (B.A., Honours, Business Administration, Wilfrid Laurier University 1964; Banff School of Advanced Management, 1974) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1965. He has served in Vienna, Brussels, Manila, Detroit and Athens. Mr. Gagosz was named Consul General in Melbourne, Australia in 1979. He will succeed Mr. George E.B. Blackstock who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. John Ross MacLachlan (55) originally from Hardisty, Alberta as Consul General in Birmingham, England.

Mr. MacLachlan (B.A., Royal Military College, 1953; B.A., Economics, Queen's University, 1955) served with the Canadian Armed Forces, prior to joining the Department of Manpower and Immigration in 1966. He has served in Manila, Port-of-Spain, New York, and Hong Kong. Mr. MacLachlan is presently in Management Review Division, External Affairs Headquarters. He will replace Mr. C. Brian Danby who is retiring from the Department of External Affairs.

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Mr. James R. Midwinter (54), born in Brandon, Manitoba, as Ambassador to Venezuela.

A Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Midwinter attended the Universities of British Columbia and Oxford (M.A. 1957). He joined the former Trade Commissioner Service in 1953 and served successively in Guatemala, Detroit, New Delhi and Santiago. Mr. Midwinter has occupied a number of senior posts in Ottawa, including Director, International Financing Branch and General Director, Resource Industries Branch, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Senior Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Government Operations), Privy Council Office. In 1979 he was appointed Inspector General, Foreign Operations (since 1982 Assistant Under-Secretary, Management Review and Audit Department of External Affairs). Mr. Midwinter will replace Mr. Peter A.E. Johnston who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. John Maldwyn Turner Thomas (51) originally from Vancouver, B.C., as Ambassador to Indonesia.

Mr. Thomas (B.Comm., University of British Columbia, 1956; Economics and Political Geography of Scandinavia, University of Oslo) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1956. He has served in Hamburg, Stockholm, Hong Kong, Moscow, Vienna, Tokyo and Paris. He was named to his present post as Consul General in Duesseldorf in 1980. Mr. Thomas will replace Mr. Earl G. Drake who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. Witold Maciej Weynerowski (45) originally from Bydgoszcz, Poland as Ambassador to Tunisia.

Mr. Weynerowski (B.A. (Hon.) University of Toronto, 1959; B.Soc.Sc. Université Laval, 1960; M.A., Oxford, 1962; Graduate Studies, Université de Genève, 1955-56) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and has served in Brussels for the North Atlantic Council and Tunis. In 1978 he was seconded to the Department of Finance and in 1980 was named Ambassador to Iraq. Mr. Weynerowski will replace Mr. Arthur E. Blanchette who has returned to Canada.