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APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, announced today the appointment of Mr F.T. Homer as Australia's first Ambassador to Venezuela. Mr Homer, who is at present Australia's Ambassador to Brazil, will be resident in Brasilia and make periodic visits to Venezuela.

Mr Homer was born in 1917 and was educated at Christian Brothers High School and University of Sydney. He has served in Singapore, The Hague, Ottawa and Rangoon and as Consul-General in San Francisco from 1963 to 1965. He has been Australian Ambassador to Brazil since March 1971.

The nomination of Mr Homer follows the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and Venezuela on 31 May this year. Mr Whitlam said the early appointment was further evidence of the Australian Government's wish to develop its ties with Venezuela and to expand its representation in Latin America.