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APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURMA

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr E.G. Whitlam, announced today the appointment of Mr C.G. Woodard as Australian Ambassador to Burma to succeed Mr W.P. J. Handmer who will return to duty in Canberra. This will be Mr Woodard's first appointment as Head of Mission.

Mr Woodard is a career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and was born in 1929. He was educated at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide and after graduating in Law from the University of Adelaide joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1952. He has served previously in Korea (as Australian Alternate Delegate on UNCURK), Singapore, London and Washington. For the past three years Mr Woodard has been Head of the National Assessment Staff in the Department of Defence. He is married and has two sons.