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## APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, announced today that Mr A.M. Morris, whose appointment as Australian Ambassador to Pakistan was announced on 1 May, has also been concurrently appointed as Australian Ambassador to Afghanistan. Mr Morris will be resident in Islamabad but will pay visits to Afghanistan from time to time.

Mr Morris was born in 1919 and was educated at Geelong Grammar School and the University of Oxford. He served with the British Army from 1939 to 1945 when he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs. He was stationed in Berlin, Bonn and New Delhi before his appointment as Australian Minister and later Ambassador to Laos from 1960 to 1964. From 1966 he was Australian Ambassador to Austria and from 1968 was concurrently accredited as Australian Ambassador to Switzerland until 1970. He was Ambassador to South Viet-Nam from 1970 until his recent appointment to Pakistan. Mr Morris is married with three children.