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NEW HEAD OF E.C. DELEGATION

TAKES UP POST

Roland de Kergorlay takes up his functions as the new Ambassador of the European Community to the United States.

Roland de Kergorlay, who succeeds Fernand Spaak as the Head of the Washington Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, was born in 1926 in Paris, France.

He graduated from the University of Paris in 1947 and studied at McGill University in Montreal from 1947 to 1950 (honours in economics). From 1950 to 1953, he studied economics at Harvard University.

From 1953 to 1954 he worked at the French National Bureau of Economic Research.

In 1954, he joined the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) as administrator in the Economic Department.

When the European Economic Community (EEC) was founded in 1958, he joined the Commission as Chief of the Benelux Division in the Directorate-General for Economics and Finance. In 1962, he was appointed Secretary of the Monetary Committee of the EEC and at the same time served as Secretary of the Economic Policy Committee of the EEC, the Budgetary Policy Committee and the Standing Conference of EEC Finance Ministers.

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He became a director in the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission in 1969, with special responsibility for applicant countries for membership, for associated countries and for preferential agreements. From 1970 until mid-1972, he served as a principal member of the Commission's team in the negotiations leading to the enlargement of the European Community.

From 1973 to 1977, he was Deputy Director-General responsible for European and Mediterranean Affairs, State Trading Countries and Economic Questions.

From 1977 to 1980, he was Head of the Commission Delegation for Enlargement Negotiations, before coming to Washington.

Mr. de Kergorlay is married and has one daughter.

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