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Michael Kergin began his career in the Public Service of the Government of Canada, when he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967 as a Foreign Service Officer. His postings abroad included the Canadian Mission to the United Nations in New York, and Canadian Embassies in Cameroon and Chile. He served as Ambassador to Cuba from 1986 to 1989 and has had three postings to Washington; the last as Ambassador of Canada to the United States (2000 to 2005).

During his years in Ottawa, Mr. Kergin held various senior positions at the Department of Foreign Affairs at the level of Assistant Deputy Minister until 1998, when the Prime Minister asked him to serve as his Foreign Policy Advisor, as well as Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Foreign and Defence Policy (the equivalent to the National Security Advisor in the U.S. government.)

On leaving the Federal Government in 2005, he founded the firm Intermestic Consulting Inc., specializing in advising clients on Canada-US relations.

Mr. Kergin was asked by the Premier of Ontario to be his Special Advisor on Border Management charged with improving access across the Ontario-US border. Subsequently, the Premier appointed him as Ontario's Negotiator for Softwood Lumber.

Mr. Kergin is a Senior Fellow at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. He also serves on the President's International Advisory Council of the University of Toronto. Mr. Kergin is a Senior Advisor at the Law firm of Bennett Jones LLP and is a Senior Fellow at the US Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kergin has appeared regularly on television and in the print media commenting on political and economic developments in the USA.

Mr. Kergin graduated from the University of Toronto in 1965 with an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Languages and, in 1967, achieved a second degree in Arts (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) from Magdalen College at Oxford University.

Mr. Kergin was born in a Canadian military hospital in Bramshott, England. He is married to Margarita Fuentes and they have three sons. He enjoys playing tennis, travelling and reading.