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Gar is the son of the Rock and his early education was in Norris Arm and Gander. He first worked for the Meteorological Service of Canada in Gander, Goose Bay and then Frobisher Bay. Following an honours degree from Acadia University and a Master's from McMaster, he joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1967.

He served in India, Kenya, the United States and Central America where he was Ambassador to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

In the late '80s he was Director of the Asia Pacific Division in headquarters and became a noted expert in Asian affairs.

From 1992 to 2003 he was head of the Canadian Consular Service, during which time he computerized telecommunications within Canada's consular service; this system has been the envy of and copied by many other Governments, for use by their Foreign Services. He also created a crisis management centre in Ottawa which has been adopted by governments around the world.

He retired in 2003 and since has been a commentator and writer on issues of Canadian foreign and public policy. He lives in Ottawa.