

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Bill Bowdler's Successor

Covey Oliver has recommended Samuel W. Lewis to replace Bill Bowdler as my Latin American adviser. Bill concurs in the choice.

~~Sam is one of the brightest young Foreign Service Officers in the Latin American circuit.~~ He is a 38-year old Texan, educated at Yale (BA-'52), Johns Hopkins (MA-'54) and Princeton (advanced economic studies-'63). ~~He has worked for Bill Gaud in his program office and knows the Washington end of aid business well.~~ He served two years in Brazil, so he also has the field perspective. For the past two years, he has been deputy director of the Brazilian office at State where he has dealt with Brazilian political, economic and military relations with us and the Latin American states. Lately, Covey has been grooming him for wider responsibilities.

Subject to your approval, I plan to bring Sam on board on Monday, September 30. Bill will be staying here as long as necessary to document the Dominican, Panama and Guantanamo crises and the OAS Summit. Bill will be devoting full time to this research, but will be available to help Sam pick up the reins.

Walt Rostow

Approve

Disapprove

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Bowdler until !
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