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The President today announced his intention to nominate Samuel W. Lewis, of Houston, Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. He will succeed William Buffum who has resigned.

Since 1974, Mr. Lewis has been Deputy Director of the Policy Planning Staff for the Department of State. He was assigned from 1971 to 1974 as Deputy Chief of Mission in Kabul, after having been Special Assistant to the Director General of the Foreign Service during 1970-71. He attended the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy at the Foreign Service Institute. In 1968, he became Deputy Director of the Office of Brazilian Affairs for the Department and the Agency for International Development, and later served as a senior staff member of the National Security Council during 1968-69. In 1969 he became Special Assistant for Policy Planning of the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs of the State Department.

During 1967-68, Mr. Lewis was Assistant Director for Development of the Office of Brazilian Affairs at AID, after serving as a Foreign Affairs Officer in 1966-67. He was Executive Assistant to the Ambassador to Brazil during 1966, after serving as Deputy Assistant Director for Technical Cooperation for AID in Rio from 1964-1966. During 1963-64 he was a Visiting Fellow at Princeton University. From 1959 to 1962, he served successively at the State Department as Officer in Charge of Italian Affairs and as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State (1961-62).

Born on October 1, 1930, in Houston, Texas, Mr. Lewis received his A.B. degree in 1952 from Yale University. He attended John Hopkins University and received his M.A. in 1954. From 1954 to 1959, he was assigned to Italy as Consular Officer in Naples and later was a Political Officer and Acting Principal Officer in Florence.

Mr. Lewis is married to the former Sallie Smoot and they have two children. They reside in the District of Columbia.

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