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The President today announced his intention to nominate Michael A. Samuels of the District of Columbia to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone. He succeeds Clinton L. Olson.

He taught at Benue Provincial Secondary School in Nigeria from 1962 -1964. He was a Senior Staff Member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University from 1968-1970. Dr. Samuels was a Legislative Management Officer in the Office of Congressional Relations in the Department of State, 1970-1973; Executive Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush, 1973-74; Staff Assistant to the President, serving as Executive Assistant to the Counsellor to the President for Economic Policy, May-July 1974, and Executive Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State Robert S. Ingersoll from July-October 1974. Since October 1974 he has been a Member of the Policy Planning Staff, Department of State.

He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on April 4, 1939. He received his A.B. degree from Yale University in 1961, an M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1962, and a Ph.D. in African History and International Education from Columbia University in 1969.

He is married to the former Susan Lynne Hassman and they have one child. They reside in Washington, D.C.

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