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The President today announced his intention to nominate William G. Bowdler, of Inverness, Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. He will succeed John G. Hurd who is resigning.

Since 1973, Mr. Bowdler has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. From 1971 to 1973, he was Ambassador to Guatemala after serving as Ambassador to El Salvador from 1968 to 1971. He was Executive Liaison Officer for Latin American Affairs at the White House from 1964 to 1968. During 1963 and 1964 he was Deputy Coordinator of Cuban Affairs. From 1961 to 1963 he was International Relations Officer of the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. In 1956 he became Political and Consular Officer in Havana, serving until 1961. In July of 1956 he became Officer in Charge, Antarctica and International Geophysical Year Affairs for the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. During October of 1956 he was Secretary of the Inter-American Committee of Presidential Representatives to the Organization of American States.

From 1952 to 1956 he was International Relations Officer for the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs for the Office of Regional Political Affairs. In 1951 he was an International Administration Officer serving until 1952. He became a Research Assistant for the Division of International Administration in the Department of State from 1950 to 1951.

He was born March 27, 1924 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of British Subjects, he was naturalized in 1945. He received his B.A. in History from the University of Richmond in 1948. He received an M.A. degree in 1949 from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He served with the United States Army, overseas from 1944-46.

Mr. Bowdler is married to the former Margaret C. Clark and they have three children.

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