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# Goodwin's Power Continues to Rise

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The White House State Department shuffle added sheen to Richard N. Goodwin's fast-rising star, though he seems to lack enough background for his new position. Mr. Goodwin, 29, had been President Kennedy's chief advisor on Latin America. In this week's shake-up, the President named him Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

Mr. Goodwin's youth, his limited experience in Latin America, his inability to speak Spanish all caused considerable criticism while he was White House adviser.

But his new post is the second most important job in the State Department's inter-American bureau, ranking only behind Assistant Secretary Robert F. Woodward. In this new post, Mr. Goodwin will be responsible for U. S. policy derived from day to day events in Latin America.

Over the weekend, Mr. Goodwin took part in talks in Port of Spain, Trinidad, between U. S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and Argentine President Arturo Frondizi.

He also attended last fall's economic conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay, and has made several brief official trips south of the border for the President.

State Department complaints have been frequent that Mr. Goodwin was confusing lines of authority in Latin American policy-making.

As an advisor to the President, his office was a top...



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who claimed Mr. Goodwin was making policy.

But that seems to have had slight effect on the President.

Mr. Goodwin will be one of three deputy assistant secretaries—the political secretary—by far the most important of the three posts. Milton Barall is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs and Arturo Morales Carrion, a Puerto Rican, handles cultural matters.

The political assistant represents his chief, Mr. Woodward, when the latter is out of town and speaks in his stead on all important matters dealing with Latin America.

Indication of the President's esteem for Mr. Goodwin is that he will replace a veteran Latin America expert in the State Department. The former assistant secretary was Wymberley DeR. Coerr, 48, now said to be in line for an ambassadorial post in South America.

Mr. Coerr has served in Latin American affairs for...

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