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**A phenomenon in Washington** is the power that young (29) Richard Goodwin has accumulated for himself in the few months that he has been with the Kennedy Administration. He appears to have emerged as the principal director of our Latin American policy. His first trip to Latin America was this spring when he did the grand tour with Adlai Stevenson. He does not know Spanish nor, as far as is known, has he ever studied Latin American history. He got into the limelight during the Punta del Este conference in Uruguay when he engaged Cuba's maximum Communist, Che Guevara, in a conspicuous three-hour private conversation at a cocktail party. Goodwin was very much in evidence last week during the visit of Manuel Prado of Peru—and so was Herbert Matthews of the *New York Times*, whose prestige grows in proportion as he misreads the news of the day. The suggestion has been made that a congressional committee call in Mr. Goodwin and have a little chat, so that others may know what goes on in the mind of the new director of our Latin American policy.

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# Goodwin's Dubious Mission

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The New Frontier's chief White House whiz-kid on inter-American affairs, Richard Nathan Goodwin, has plunged into another dubious mission in Washington as he continues his on-the-job-training to become President Kennedy's Latin American "expert."



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Goodwin, who appears to have hypnotized President Kennedy into believing he knows more about Latin America than the State Department, has laid the groundwork for a private interview between the Chief Executive and Dr. Cheddi Jagan, newly-elected Marxist premier of British Guiana and ardent admirer of Cuba's Communist dictator, Fidel Castro.

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Dr. Jagan announced last month that he intended to seek a foreign aid loan of 200 million dollars from the United States during his stay in Washington. He has emphasized that Washington's aid, if offered, must have no strings attached. And he has added that he will turn to the Communist bloc for financial help unless he gets what he wants from the United States.

Goodwin, who first set foot in Latin America earlier this year, arranged Dr. Jagan's chat with President Kennedy after reaching the conclusion that if the Red-led premier could be buttered up well in Washington he might be wined away from the Communist camp.

State Department advisers and intelligence officials who have followed Dr. Jagan's ties to the Communist bloc in recent years now are wringing their hands in despair over the forthcoming meeting and the sustained naive attitude of Goodwin toward inter-American affairs.

They realize that it was the same meddlesome Goodwin that met informally in August with Cuba's top representative of international communism, Maj. Ernesto (Che) Guevara, following the Alliance for Progress conference at Punta del Este, Uruguay.

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The Guevara-Goodwin conference, held behind the back of the Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, head of the U.S. conference delegation, sparked an uproar over reports that peaceful coexistence with Communist Cuba was discussed.

The 29-year-old Goodwin's next immediate project is another quickie trip to Latin America. This week he will be in Lima, Peru, to sit in on a meeting called by under-secretary of state Chester Bowles to discuss "inter-agency cooperation."

Attending will be all the U.S. ambassadors in South America, military attaches from all the American embassies and other foreign service personnel — and their wives. Cost of the two-day boondoggle is estimated at \$100,000.

After Bowles explains the "social revolution" that is to engulf Latin America, Goodwin will return to Washington and await the arrival of "Socialist" Dr. Jagan & Co.