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### LINCOLN GORDON SWORN IN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND U. S. COORDINATOR OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

Lincoln Gordon was sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and as U. S. Coordinator of the Alliance for Progress. He succeeds Jack Hood Vaughn, now Director of the Peace Corps.

Born in New York City on September 10, 1913, Mr. Gordon attended Harvard University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1933. As a Rhodes Scholar he studied at Oxford University and was awarded his Ph.D in 1936.

For three years he was an instructor in government at Harvard and in 1939 Mr. Gordon came to Washington to serve with the United States National Resources Planning Board. He later served with the Council of National Defense, the War Production Board and the Civilian Production Administration. In 1946 Mr. Gordon was a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

He became an Associate Professor of Business at Harvard in 1946 and in the following year he was appointed Professor of Government and Administration, serving for three years. Mr. Gordon, however, also continued part time service with the Government. As a consultant to the State Department he assisted in the formulation of the Marshall Plan in 1947. He was a consultant to the Economic Cooperation Administration in 1948, becoming a full time member of the European staff of ECA in 1949 and part of 1950. Late in 1950 he returned to Washington as economic advisor to Averell Harriman, then Special Assistant to President Truman.

In 1951, Mr. Gordon was appointed Assistant Director of the Mutual Security Agency and from 1952 to 1955 he served in London concurrently as Chief of the Mutual Security Mission to the United Kingdom and as Minister for Economic Affairs in the United States Embassy.

Mr. Gordon's interest in Latin America had been growing during these years and he was able to develop this further when he became the William Ziegler Professor of International Economic Relations at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1955. He continued to serve as a consultant with the Departments of State and Defense. During 1961 he was a member of the President's Task Force on Latin America and was a member of the United States Delegation to the IA-ECOSOC Conference at Punta del Este, Uruguay, which drafted the Charter of the Alliance for Progress. Following this, in September 1961, he was appointed Ambassador to Brazil.

The Assistant Secretary is the author of a number of books and articles on economics and government, most recently A New Deal for Latin America (1963). He is a member of various scholarly organizations, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Economic Association, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ambassador Gordon is married to the former Allison Wright and they have two sons and two daughters. The family has made its home Belmont, Massachusetts.

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