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State Department Names Science Officers To Serve Abroad

The Department of State has announced the appointment of six additional scientists for its overseas science program. Three of the men selected will serve as science officers: Earnest Watson (dean of the faculty, California Institute of Technology), in New Delhi; Neal Weber (professor of zoology, Swarthmore College), in Buenos Aires; and Harry W. Wells (chairman, upper atmospheric section, Carnegie Institution of Washington), in Rio de Janeiro.

The other three named will be deputy science officers: John B. Bateman (biophysicist, United States Army Chemical Corps), in London; William Littlewood (zoologist and oceanographer, United States Navy Hydrographic Office), in Stockholm; and David C. Rife (International Cooperation Administration adviser to the Government of Thailand and former professor of zoology, Ohio State University), in New Delhi. All six will assume their new posts within the next few months.

This is the second series of appointments to be made for the science program, which is under Wallace R. Brode, science adviser to the Secretary of State. In the first series science officers were assigned to United States embassies in London, Paris, Rome, Bonn, Stockholm, and Tokyo.



The science program has become an integral part of this country's foreign service. An appointee must have an international reputation in science, a facility with the language of the country to which he is assigned, and a knowledge of the status of science in that country. In all cases the scientific discipline of the deputy complements that of the science officer, in order to insure more adequate representation and coverage of science.

The deputy science officer assists the science officer, whose duties are as follows: to advise the ambassador and his staff on science matters; keep abreast of changes in the organizational structure of science in the government of the country in question; evaluate the interaction of science with foreign policy; assess current scientific programs abroad; and improve liaison between U.S. personnel and foreign scientists and engineers.



John Bateman



William Littlewood



David Rife