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To Members of the Faculty:

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Richard N. Goodwin as Visiting Professor of Public Affairs for the academic year, 1967-68.

Born in Boston, Mr. Goodwin received his B.A. in History from Tufts University in 1953 and his LL. B. in 1958 from Harvard Law School, where he was president of the Law Review.

Upon graduation, Mr. Goodwin became a law clerk for the former Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, and in 1959 he was special consultant to the House Sub-committee on Legislative Oversight which exposed the rigged television quiz shows. He joined the staff of Senator John F. Kennedy in 1959 and during Mr. Kennedy's campaign for the presidency, along with Theodore C. Sorensen, traveled with the candidate as speech writer, editor and idea man. Mr. Goodwin was named Assistant Special Counsel to President Kennedy in 1961, where he concentrated on Latin American affairs and civil rights, and was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American affairs in 1962. It was during this period that the Alliance for Progress and new policies toward Latin America were being elaborated, and Mr. Goodwin won the respect and gratitude of many Latin American diplomats for his vision and his ability to cut bureaucratic red tape.

In 1963, he was appointed Secretary-General of the International Secretariat of the Peace Corps, and in early 1964 he became Special Assistant to President Johnson. Mr. Goodwin resigned his position as a key aide in the Johnson Administration in the fall of 1965 to accept a fellowship to do research and writing at Wesleyan University's Center for Advanced Studies.

Mr. Goodwin served as a principal writer and idea man for both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, helping to conceive both the Alliance for Progress and the Great Society. In addition, he wrote articles and edited collected papers for each of them. He functioned as one of the main bridges between President Kennedy and the world of arts and letters and had major responsibility for the conception and planning of the Arts and Humanities Foundation. President Johnson relied upon him heavily to assist in the development of new domestic programs and to translate the Great Society's goals into platform English. In addition to drafting major speeches, he was the President's principal assistant for urban affairs and helped originate the national beautification program. He was also instrumental in rallying the American effort to assist in the preservation of the priceless Egyptian monuments, the Temples of Abu Simbel.

An articulate and facile writer, he is the author of several articles and books, including one on the political processes, to be published soon. In addition to his political interests, Mr. Goodwin has a wide acquaintanceship in the field of the creative arts and had been designated by President Kennedy to be his special consultant on the arts. Mr. Goodwin is living in Boston.

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