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### NATIONAL SECURITY FILE

#### Files of William G. Bowdler

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#### **Scope and content note:**

The Files of William G. Bowdler were sent to the LBJ Library in January 1969 as part of a small set of unidentified National Security File (NSF) staff files called Staff File Fragments. This 3-box set of material was preliminarily identified as the “Files of Robert Sayre, William G. Bowdler, and Samuel Lewis.”

Over the years, as the Library staff processed the various NSF staff files, the material that has been included in the Staff File Fragments was added to the appropriate staff files, with the exception of this 3-box set of material.

In 2013, Library staff examined this material and determined that the majority of it had been maintained by William G. Bowdler. Therefore, the series was renamed as the “Files of William G. Bowdler” when it was opened for research in September 2013. Bowdler had been preceded by Robert Sayre and succeeded by Samuel Lewis, so there is a small amount of material in the file related to them.

The NSF, Staff File Fragments series no longer exists because all of the material that had been in it has been added to the appropriate staff files.

- Date range: 1964-1969
- 1 linear foot, 4 linear inches
- Available for research (Open)

#### **Biographical note:**

William G. Bowdler had a long career in diplomatic service. After serving for a number of years in the Department of State, in 1964 he became a senior staff member of the

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National Security Council staff, responsible for Latin American affairs. In November 1968, he became U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador and subsequently held a number of other diplomatic posts.

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Box 1	Argentina	"Operación Amigo Argentina"; promotion of tourism in Argentina; award of nuclear power reactor contract to Siemens over Westinghouse; 4/68 memo on US relations with Argentina; presidential message to Inter-American Savings and Loan Association Conference	7/67-11/68
Box 1	Barbados	Recognition of Barbados and appointment of US ambassador	7/66-10/66
Box 1	Bolivia	Memcon of Bowdler's 6/67 meeting with Bolivian Ambassador Sanjines-Goytia on US counterinsurgency assistance to Bolivia; Che Guevara	1967
Box 1	Brazil	AID loan to Ultrafertil Fertilizer Project; 1/67 visit of President-elect Costa e Silva; Clifton Caldwell and US AID "Union-to Union" trip to Brazil; 7/67 letter from General Matthew Ridgway on US-Brazilian relations; letter from Roy Edwards of Wilson and Co.; 12/68 cornerstone laying ceremony for Brazilian Chancery; 4/68 memcon of Nicholas Katzenbach's meeting with Dominican Republic President Balaguer; 12/68 Samuel Lewis memo on visit of US ambassador Jack Tuthill	9/66-12/68
Box 1	British Guiana [and Guyana]	CIA memo on British Guiana Independence Conference, 11/19/1965; AID program in British Guiana; briefing memos on Prime Minister Burnham's Visit to LBJ, 7/22/1966	12/65-7/66
Box 1	British Honduras	Material to and from Robert Sayre on independence of British Honduras	12/64-1/65
Box 1	British West Indies	Reports on new constitutional arrangements for Eastern Caribbean Islands	Jul-66
Box 1	Caribbean	US delegation to Associated Statehood Ceremony for Antigua, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla; UNDP proposal for Caribbean Development Bank; Visit of Bahamas Premier Lynden Pindling; report of the Caribbean Study Group and supplementary material	2/67-12/68

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Box 1	Chile	Ambassador Tomic's comments on Ernest Gruening's report on Chile; proposed state visit of Eduardo Frei; elimination of Program Loan to Chile; memcon of LBJ's 1/67 meeting with Ambassador Tomic	8/66-1/67
Box 1	Colombia	Economic stabilization and industrial development in Colombia; 5/68 visit of President Lleras	9/66-3/68
Box 1	Costa Rica	1966 Costa Rican elections; "science highlights" for 6/68 visit of President of Costa Rica	10/65 & 5/68
Box 1	Cuba	Guantanamo Water Crisis; Cuban Refugee Program in Miami, Florida; US patrols of Cuban coast; Manuel Artime; Petitions from US citizens in Cuba to Bowdler	2/64-1/67
Box 1	Dominican Republic	Briefing memo for Walt Rostow's 6/66 meeting with William Fulbright; 1/67 report on Dominican Republic, Dominican budget; memcon, briefing material for LBJ's 1/67 meeting with Hector Garcia Godoy; memcon of Bowdler's 2/67 meeting with Garcia Godoy; 5/67 meeting of Dominican Review Group; 11/68 memo to Samuel Lewis on assassination of Wessin y Wessin's brother-in-law; investigation of Congressman Cornelius Gallagher	6/66-3/69
Box 1	Ecuador	Congratulatory message to new President of Ecuador; 10/67 letter to Sol Linowitz from Galo Plaza Lasso; memos on US private investment in Ecuador	11/66-2/68
Box 1	El Salvador	Memcon of meeting with El Salvador Sugar Association on El Salvador sugar quota; "Operation Amigo, Inc." student visit; correspondence concerning proposed visit of Don Bosco School Band	11/67-11/68

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Box 1	Guatemala	Memcon of Bowdler's 10/67 meeting with former President Prio Socarras; memo on results of Guatemalan elections	Oct-67
Box 1	Haiti	Ambrose Hartnett and Bay of Cayes Company; CBS story on alleged gun-running to Haiti; Cuban and Haitian refugees detained in Florida	1/66-1/67
Box 1	Israel and Cyprus	Memo from Harold Saunders to Bowdler on talking points concerning Israel and Cyprus for LBJ's upcoming 5/9/68 ambassadorial luncheon	May-68
Box 1	Jamaica	Memcon of 2/66 meeting with former US ambassador to Jamaica William Doherty; "Science Highlights" paper for 10/67 visit of President of Jamaica	2/66 & 10/67
Box 2	Latin America [1 of 7]	Interoceanic Canal Commission; Panama Canal negotiations, including 1/27/1965 briefing handbook	9/64-1/65
Box 2	Latin America [2 of 7]	Invitation to Vice President to speak at World's Fair; military assistance to Latin America; highway projects for Latin America; copies of 4/66 report on "The Frontiers of South America" and related material; 4/66 report on the Darien Gap; rebuttal statement to Republican National Committee; 4/66 report on Latin America; memcon of LBJ's 5/5/66 meeting with Dean Rusk, Lincoln Gordon, and Walt Rostow	7/65-7/66
Box 2	Latin America [3 of 7]	Planning material for LBJ's proposed "working visit to Latin America," including security studies	7/1/1966

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Box 2	Latin America [4 of 7]	Latin American economic integration; appointment of Panama Canal Study Commission; Advertising Council Round Tables: planning for Punte del Este summit meeting; cancellation of Chilean President Frei's visit to US; briefing paper for 3/67 CIAP (Comité Interamericana de la Alianza para el Progreso ) meeting with LBJ; PL 480 sales agreements with Latin America; Operation Amigo and visit to US by President Frei's son; regional nuclear energy program for Latin America; candidates for OAS secretary general; Interamerican Development Bank legislation; "The Frontiers of South America" report; LBJ's trip to Central America; Alliance for Progress loan money; Andean Economic Integration; CIAP review of Costa Rica, Paraguay	8/66-7/67
Box 2	Latin America [5 of 7]	Council for Latin America meeting with LBJ; possible meeting of Latin American newspapermen with LBJ; election of OAS secretary general; Mixed Commission on economic integration of Latin America; memos on CIAP; invitation to Latin American presidents to opening of Hemisfair; Latin American countries assistance to their neighbors, including Argentina's "Volunteers to America" program; Latin American Defense Ministers meeting; Air Force Chiefs Conference; Darien Project	8/67-4/68
Box 2	Latin America [6 of 7]	Appendices VI and VII of "The Frontiers of South America" ; proposed presidential remarks for meeting with Latin American Air Force chiefs; draft agenda for meeting of Council of Latin America (CLA) on Central America; Alliance for Progress loan program; Andean economic integration; LBJ's trip to Central America follow-up material, including material on low-cost housing	5/68-8/68
Box 2	Latin America [7 of 7]	Press guidance for response to OAS invitation to LBJ; invitation to Bowdler to "Operation Amigo" meeting; CIAP program in Costa Rica and Paraguay; set of maps and charts on Latin American physical integration used at 4/23/68 OAS event at White House	9/68-1/69
Box 3	Mexico [1 of 4]	LBJ's 9/64 meeting with Lopez Mateos in Chamizal Zone; Casa de Cultura Americana in Acapulco; People-to People meeting in Guadalajara, including message from Dwight Eisenhower; commemorative medallions for Chamizal ceremony	8/64-11/64

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Box 3	Mexico [2 of 4]	Colorado River salinity problem; Harry Turkel report on US-Mexican Border trade problems; Mexican broadcasting negotiations; Mexican government reaction to Punta del Este summit meeting	3/65-5/67
Box 3	Mexico [3 of 4]	Photographs for Octavio Ochoa y Ochoa of his meeting with LBJ; possible appointment of Joseph Montillor as Consul General in Barcelona; press release for agreement on Tijuana River flood control project; memcon of LBJ's 7/67 meeting with US Section of US-Mexico Border Development Commission; Mexico's Border Industrialization Program; location in Washington, DC of playground equipment given by Mrs. Diaz Ordaz; commemorative material for 1967 Chamizal Settlement; memcon of Walt Rostow, Bowdler 10/67 meeting with AFL-CIO leaders on labor's concerns about relocation of US industries to Mexico; synopsis of Mexico oil concessions; urban development workshop in Laredo/Nuevo Laredo; 3/68 memorandum on Border Trade; balance of payments concerns on alcoholic beverage duty exemption; proposed task force study on TSUS 807 (re relocation of American industry); location of statue of Benito Juarez in Washington, DC; dedication of Amistad Dam	5/67-5/68
Box 3	Mexico [4 of 4]	Signing ceremony for 6/68 Inter-American Development Bank agreement; material on projects, legislation related to US-Mexico Commission for Border Development and Friendship (CODAF); proposed visit by President Diaz Ordaz, Amistad Dam ceremony; Benito Juarez statue; inauguration of Lopez Mateos Channel in El Paso; copies of 12/68 statements by Mexican Foreign Minister Carrillo Flores; possible statement by LBJ on border disaster relief; 1/69 questions for LBJ from Mexican journalists and draft answers	6/68-1/69
Box 3	Nicaragua	Small folder including memo from Vice President Humphrey's office about possible message to Nicaragua Congressional Prayer Breakfast; recognition of US assistance in polio epidemic; question of inviting President Somoza to LBJ Ranch; correspondence concerning gifts received by LBJ during visit to Nicaragua	6/64-11/68

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Box 3	Panama [1 of 2]	Congressman Joe Kilgore's inquiry on construction bids for Canal Zone high school; minutes of Panama Review Group 7/17/64 meeting and related material; drafts of new Panama Canal treaty and related material; membership of Panama Canal Commission; draft congressional statements on Panama Canal negotiations; Congressman Daniel Flood's letter to LBJ about appointment of Canal Zone governor; synopsis of Panama SOFA and Base Rights Agreement ; 8/66 memcon on "Rankling Issues in Panama"; material on reports of Interoceanic Canal Study Commission; funding for the commission	6/64-5/66
Box 3	Panama [2 of 2]	Stanford Research Institute report "Economic Studies on Construction Timing and Investment for a Sea-Level Canal Across the American Isthmus"; membership of Interoceanic Canal Commission; action memoranda on arrangements with Panamanian National Guard and "Operation Understanding"; congressional input on Panama Canal issue; Robert Sayre memo on draft treaties; Thomas Mann's statement to House Foreign Affairs Committee on treaty negotiations; 11/68 memo on resumption of diplomatic relations with Panama; 10/68 Thomas Mann memo on his meeting with Arnulfo Arias; report on Darien Gap project	3/65-11/68
Box 3	Paraguay	7/67 memo on Ambassador Hernandez' message to President Stroessner; Science Highlights for 3/68 visit of President of Paraguay	7/67 and 3/68
Box 3	Peru	Civil aviation consultations with Peru; memcon of LBJ call on International Petroleum Company (IPC) case; New York Times article on Aid Policy for Peru; 11/67 LBJ meeting with foreign policy advisers on Peru	11/65-11/67
Box 3	Puerto Rico	3/66 memo for Bowdler on LBJ's meeting with Governor of Puerto Rico	Mar-66
Box 3	Uruguay	Material on lawsuit "A.F. Plyant Inc. v. Uruguayan State Railway (AFE) [Uruguayan Crossties Case]," including material on William Murphy and Gallie Corporation	8/66-1/67

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Box 3	Venezuela	Possible telephone call between LBJ and President Leoni to inaugurate new telephone circuit; statement by US Marine Corps Major Americo Sardo on balance between protest and service	6/66-11/67