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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Carlin  
FROM: Laurie Lucey *u*

Frank Mankiewicz has given us the names of people he considers "extremely competent" and good choices for the Carter Administration. I have marked in red the names of those who might serve in areas in which you have responsibility.

I am sure Frank would be more than willing to help us obtain additional information on any of these people.

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David Lazar. Now Gen. Scowcroft's Latin American expert at the National Security shop at the White House. Lazar is apolitical -- a nominal Republican, if anything -- and a fine diplomat. I would not give him a lot of policy to make, but he is highly skilled at carrying out policy, loyal and discreet. He was popular with the Panamanians as AID chief there, and with the Bolivians in the same job. Fluent Spanish and good Quechua (Bolivia and Peru). Lawyer, 13 years in AID and a brief stint at OAS. Also a tour as AID chief in Danang. Level-headed, competent, patriotic. He would be a very classy ambassador, anywhere in Latin America. Good negotiator, too.

Philip Lerman. Old, old friend of mine. Phil is now Labor Commissioner of Wisconsin (or some similar title). Close political and executive confidant of Governor Pat Lucey's. He is an expert in the whole area of manpower, job training and allocation, etc. Recently married (his first wife died a few years ago) to an ex-nun, Phil is also a cognizant fellow in the Jewish community. I met him years ago when we worked side by side at the Anti-Defamation League. He also comes out of the labor movement, and has old ties with the UAW in Wisconsin and California. Mid to late 50's, energetic and highly-skilled. For Carter before Wisconsin.

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*Ames:*

Dr. William Mangin. Professor of Anthropology at Syracuse. A close friend of mine, Bill was deputy Peace Corps director in Peru and has since done counseling work for AID, NIH and the committee on Fulbright scholarships. He is, without question, the person in the U.S. who knows the most about how Latin Americans live -- particularly in the Andean countries. He is witty and outspoken, personally acquainted with most of the "new military" types either emerging or in hiding in Latin America, and an informed and caustic critic of much of U.S. policy in the hemisphere. He (like Doughty and Horan) speaks fluent Spanish. Also familiar with -- and knows personally -- the leading intellectuals in Latin America, not the celebrated ones but the real ones. Has taught at some of the military institutes in Lima and elsewhere -- obviously the source of today's -- and tomorrow's -- leaders. Bill has political experience in Syracuse -- all of the right kind.

*John*  
*Carter*

→ Dr. Matthew Meselson. Meselson is a professor of physics and biology at Harvard -- a brilliant scientist (specialty, DNA-related research) and a skilled politician. He has been active in the Council for a Liveable World, sitting on the board to decide which candidates should receive their largesse. In addition, he was active in the scientific effort to get the government to sign the treaty on Chemical/Biological warfare, knows a lot about nerve gas, defoliants, and has a very sensible, non-extreme, non-flaky position on defense spending generally. Level-headed, moderate, late 40's, lot of respect from fellow-scientists. No government experience. If I were President, I would want Matt as my Science Advisor.