

# QUENTIN R. BATES

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Raised on a farm in Fairfield, Iowa  
Educated at Parsons College  
Military service - 1941-46  
Foreign Service exam - 1945

### Department of Agriculture training 1946

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Overview of assignments: Ottawa, Winnipeg, Paris, Bogota  
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### Bogota, Colombia 1953-1955

Civil war  
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Coffee  
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### Washington Assignments

Reports and Training Officer 1955-1958  
Other Washington assignments 1959-1961; 1966-1971  
Program coordinator for PL-480  
Acting Division Director of Program Development Division  
Executive Secretary - Trade Staff Committee  
Executive Secretary - Wheat Exporters Association  
International Trade Policy Division: Division Director, later  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Trade  
U.S. representative on GATT Agriculture Committee  
U.S. AG policy

Battle against Japan's protectionist system  
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Posted to Canada: Ottawa, Winnipeg, Ottawa Consular work / study of grain trade in Western Canada Canadian political parties	1946-1948
Fellowship to Harvard, posted to Paris (position later abolished)	1949; 1950-1953
Bogota, Colombia Close relations with the Minister of Agriculture Trade complaint on U.S. egg imports	1953-1955
Experiences dealing with Japan	1967-1971
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