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## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Last September it was announced that Mr. Burke Knapp would be retiring in July 1978. That time, much to our sorrow, has now arrived.


No one on the staff who has had the good fortune to know Mr. Knapp over the years can possibly be unaware of the gigantic contribution he has made to the work of the Bank. But no one, perhaps, has been in a better position to appreciate that daily phenomenon during this past decade than I.

His dedication, his careful judgment, his grasp of relevant detail, his ability to harmonize divergent views and bring them to a practical consensus, these traits have characterized his work ever since I have known him.

Such traits are rare and valuable enough in themselves, but when they come complemented with a gentleness and quiet charm, an infectious sense of courtesy and good humor, and an unflinching attitude of fairness and consideration, they take on a very special worth.

Through his public service, the lives of millions of individuals have been touched -- and enhanced.

That list includes all of us. And particularly me. One does not have to be President of this institution to appreciate Mr. Knapp's contribution to development. But only I can state how much it has meant to me to have had this wonderful man as counselor, and colleague -- and friend.



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