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**Current Activities**

Director of Project on Democratic Transitions, Foreign Policy Research Institute. Project involves a two-year in-depth assessment of the economic, political and social transformations of Central and Eastern Europe sixteen years after the fall of communism. Goal is to draw practical lessons for other transitional states and to promote more effective approaches to reform in Russia, the former Soviet and Yugoslav republics, and in other post-authoritarian countries.

Past President and member of Executive Committee of Eisenhower Fellowships (EF), participating actively in the EF global leadership network which includes the former President of Turkey, a recent Prime Minister of Taiwan, over 100 past and current cabinet ministers, more than 200 CEOs, and several hundred other leaders such as university rectors, NGO heads and media leaders in key countries around the world.

Trustee of the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), the preeminent organization conducting academic and leadership exchanges between the U.S and Russia, Eastern Europe, and certain other countries in transition. Independent Director of the Quaker Investment Trust, a rapidly growing, entrepreneurial mutual fund group. Governor, Philadelphia Board of Trade.

**President, Eisenhower Fellowships, June 1996-August 2004**

Led prestigious global leadership program committed to growth of emerging leaders who enhance social, economic and political development in their own counties, and contribute to international understanding and cooperation. The ongoing Eisenhower Fellows' network consists of over 1300 global leaders including former President of Turkey, Prime Minister of Taiwan, over 100 cabinet ministers, and large numbers of CEOs, university presidents and NGO leaders in over 60 key countries around the world. During presidency, strengthened Fellow selection, program quality, and intensity of alumni networking. Also enlarged and further activated Board of Trustees, sharply upgraded staff, doubled annual sponsorship revenues and significantly increased endowment. Led Board and staff through two strategic policy reviews, the second of which laid the groundwork for a capital campaign to double EF's current \$35 million endowment.

From 1997 to 2002 served as a Governor the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, helping implement an S.E.C.-mandated reorganization of its Board. Since January 2002, serves as an Independent Director of the Quaker Investment Trust and chairman of its audit committee.

**Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and then the Czech Republic, 1992-1995**

As first U.S. Ambassador to Prague in post-Communist period, was active in encouraging a truly peaceful outcome to the "Velvet Divorce", while strongly promoting a rapid and successful political and economic transformation, the building of a more open society, and a more dynamic Czech-U.S. bilateral relationship.

Led implementation of \$65 million U.S. assistance program, with emphasis on development of a strong free press and media, opening up and reform of universities, and nurturing of nascent NGO sector. U.S. aid also facilitated rapid privatization, plus implementation of other market reforms. With the help of this "jump start," Czech Republic was the first in Eastern Europe to graduate from U.S. assistance. Vigorously promoted development of private sector and helped facilitate U.S. investment cumulatively totaling \$2.2 billion. Repeatedly fought for and won opportunities for American firms threatened by unfair competition or back-room politics. Successes included first American acquisition of a TV channel in the region, major contracts for U.S. business, and prime U.S. investment acquisitions in industrial privatization process.

Presidential Performance Award for overall achievements in Prague.

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### **Director for European Affairs, National Security Council, 1989-91**

To dramatize early U.S. support for first post-Communist government in Eastern Europe, organized high-visibility Presidential Mission to Poland headed by U.S. Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture and Labor and involving CEOs of ten major corporations. Helped design and launch \$1 billion Polish Stabilization Fund to back Balcerowicz economic reform program.

Served as NSC representative to, and traveled with, Deputy Secretary Eagleburger in his role as Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Eastern Europe. Also helped to create and to manage the multi-billion dollar "G-24" multilateral assistance consortium to encourage and assist the rapid economic transformation of Eastern Europe. Engineered creation of Polish-American and Hungarian-American Enterprise Funds -- both successful venture capital initiatives later replicated throughout the region. Worked closely with USAID to urgently develop other high-impact aid programs under the SEED Act.

Restructured White House relations with European Commission and set up first bi-annual dialogue between U.S. President and Presidency of the European Union. Strengthened direct White House and National Security Council ties with counterparts in Paris, Madrid and Ottawa, helping to secure European and Canadian support for U.S. initiatives in Eastern Europe, and subsequently for the Gulf War coalition.

### **Earlier Career**

As Deputy Chief of Mission, Madrid (1986-89), streamlined management of one of largest U.S. embassies in Europe. Simultaneously served as Deputy Negotiator for U.S.-Spanish base agreement, helping to defuse long-standing frictions based on heritage of Franco era.

As Political Counselor in Paris (1983-86), conducted policy dialogue and operational business with French government, and with private sector leaders on major bilateral and multilateral issues. Also did extensive public speaking, and press and media interviews. As Deputy Treasury Representative and then as U.S. Commercial Attache (1976-80), engaged the French on financial and economic issues, including Paris Club, multilateral financial institutions, trade and investment problems. Also did specific business counseling and advocacy for U.S. firms.

As Director of Development Finance (1980-83), played lead State Department role on Ex-Im Bank, World Bank, and other multilateral financial institutions. U.S. negotiator for financial issues at U.N. Conference on Trade and Development in Belgrade, 1983.

In earlier years, did political and economic work in Peru and Paraguay, and press and cultural work in Romania. Directed State Department's public outreach programs, working with business and civic groups throughout the U.S. to promote citizen dialogue on foreign policy.

### **Languages**

Spanish - bilingual	Romanian - good
French - very fluent	Italian - good
Czech - fluent	German - basic

### **Education**

Institut de Sciences Politiques, C.E.P.  
Fordham University, A.B.  
Princeton University, M.P.A.

### **Affiliations**

Council on Foreign Relations  
Foreign Policy Research Institute  
Foundation for a Civil Society