

AMBASSADOR J.D. BINDENAGEL

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Born and raised in South Dakota
University of South Dakota; University of Illinois
ROTC, U.S. Army, Germany
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Bremen, Germany - Economic Officer 1977-1979
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State Department - Germany Desk Officer 1980-1983
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Appointed U.S. Ambassador, Special Envoy, for Holocaust Issues - 1999
Vice President for Program, Chicago Council on Foreign Affairs

Attachments:

"The Night the Berlin Wall Fell, November 9, 1989"
"Justice, Apology, and Reconciliation and the German Foundation. Remembrance, Responsibility, and the Future"
"Prologue To Diplomacy: The Bindenagel Family in America - an essay"