

STUART MARSHALL BLOCH

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Career, Work, and Activities

Spouse, AEP to Nepal, concerned about his lack of career opportunity at post
Involved in absentia in historic preservation activities in Nepal
Difficult to disengage from law practice, management of investment holdings in Washington
Supports AEP's Nepalese projects in US – cooperatives, scholarships, preservation
The Support Center, another Bloch project, assists nonprofit groups with management
Founded Harvard Club in Nepal, supports Ambassador's Club golf tournament
Agrees that FS spouses should be paid, excludes himself
Comments of work involved in Fourth of July reception
State Department is archaic in not recognizing two-income family as way of U.S. life today

USG

Impressed with quality of USG people abroad
As in private sector, support people are most difficult to deal with
AEP inspires the best performance from her staff

Spouses

Importance of spouses at mission
Feels state employees are underpaid, missions under funded
A spouse class action suit against State may be answer to compensation
"Involuntary servitude" does not speak well for U.S.
Spouses be paid for "things they would not ordinarily do"
Impressed by spouse performance at training session for ambassador's designate
Without spouse at post, AEP Bloch rises at 5:30 to arrange flowers, supervise cooking, etc.

Nepal

Avoids conflict of interest re Nepal; little U.S. investment
Number and type of American visitors to Nepal

Life in the FS

Because of long separation, feels they have "done their service"
FS is glamorous, exciting, therefore State can take advantage of personnel

SB's Spouse

"My ambassador's" abilities; her rise from immigrant to first Asian/American AEP
Yin and Yang
AEP's family relationships; Father dominant

Ethnicity

- Wave of future is more AEPs representative of U.S. racial diversity
- Countries which could send Asian/American woman as AEP are very limited
- Effectiveness of other minorities, e.g., Ed Perkins at UN
- Encourages investigating class action possibilities
- Wonderful travel opportunities result from Nepal tour
- Attitudes toward inter-ethnic marriages in 1960's