

ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM HODDING CARTER

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Background

- Born in New Orleans, raised in Mississippi and Washington, DC
- Princeton University
- U.S. Marine Corps
- Newspaper editor-publisher
- Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign

Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs

1977-1980

- Department spokesman
- Party operations
- Handling the sensitive issues & questions
- Press corps –evaluation
- Issues: Tehran hostages, Jonestown
- President Carter – leaks
- Negotiating with the Soviets
- Policy problems in administration
- Personalities: Vance vs. Brzezinski
- Camp David
- Desert One (failed rescue attempt)
- Vance resignation