

AMBASSADOR FRANCES COOK

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- Very Early Interest in the Foreign Service
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Foreign Service

- Written and Oral Entrance Exam
- Vietnam Opposition Within Beginning Class

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- Staff Assistant to Ambassador Shriver's Wife
- Close to Kennedy Family
- Press Officer at Vietnam Peace Talks
- US Representative at North Vietnamese Press Conference
- POW-MIA Officer on Peace Talk Delegation

Sydney (USIS)

- Cultural Affairs Officer
- Political Reporter
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Dakar (USIS)

- University Lecturer in American History
- Private English Tutor to President Senghor
- Travels in Africa
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Washington

- USIS Personnel Officer for Africa
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