

JANE ABELL COON

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Background

Born and raised in New Hampshire college town
Northfield (Mass.) Academy
Wooster College (Ohio)
Summer in college work camp in France

Professional Beginnings

Intern at Department of State
Reduction in Force (RIF)
Bureau of Intelligence and Research (South Asia)
Integrated into FSO corps
Pakistan section of INR

Pakistan

1957-1959

Karachi as second secretary and political officer
TDY at Dhaka

Bombay

1960-1964

Consular officer for a year
Political officer

New Delhi

1965-1967

First secretary and political officer
Indo-Pakistan war
Death of President Kennedy

Foreign Service Wife

1968

Married Carleton Coon and left Service
Adjustment to six step-children

Kathmandu as wife of DCM

1970-1973

Proposed for re-entry into Foreign Service

1974

Rabat as wife of DCM

1974-1976

Re-entered the Foreign Service

1976

Department – Office of Nonproliferation and Nuclear Export Policy
Pakistan Country Director
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Kabul – Assassination of Ambassador Dubs	1977
Ambassador to Bangladesh	1981-1984
Husband assigned as ambassador to Nepal at same time	
Swearing-in	
Taking control	
Acceptance as a woman	
Role of DCM	
Country team	
Bangladesh (activities)	
AID program	
Bangladeshi differences with India	
Soviet activities	
Elections	
Official corruption	
Coup d’etat	
Martial law government	
Bangladesh (Official visits to Washington)	1983
President Ershad	
King and Queen of Nepal	
Bangladesh (Embassy operations)	
Consular work, administration, entertaining, etc.	
Bangladesh (Overall role of ambassador)	
Exchange visits with husband	
Security, terrorist threats	
Typical day of an ambassador	