

CONSUL GENERAL A. DAVID FRITZLAN

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Background	
Born in India of American missionary [parents	
English boarding school, U.S. of Kentucky and Fletcher	
Entered Foreign Service 1938	
Naples, Italy	1938-1939
Pre-war hostile, anti –America atmosphere	
Primary a visa mill	
Problems of returning Italian-Americans	
No discrimination against Jews by consulate	
Immigration quota law in effect	
Foreign Service Institute	1939
Baghdad, Iraq	1940
Consular, commercial and economic work in US legation	
British try to keep Iraq in allied camp	
Pro-axis sentiment prior to Rachid Ali revolt	
Teheran, Iran	1940-1942
Axis maneuvering throughout Iran	
British and Russians join to oust Shah and axis agents	
British force Shah to abdicate	
Iran becomes conduit for allied supplies to Russia	
British suspect US motives	
US suspects Soviet intentions	
Basra, Iraq	1942-1943
Consulate' mission to facilitate US supplies to Russians	
Problems with US merchant seamen	
Tangier, Morocco	1943-1948
Legation, 3 rd Secretary and Vice Consul	
By road from Basra to Tangier	
Goings-on in the International zone of tangier	
Also vice consul to Ceuta (Spanish	
Minister J. Rives Childs	
Sultan of Morocco visits Tangier and speaks of independence	
French were stunned-and furious	
US treaty rights in Morocco	

Department of State	1948-1949
Arabic language and area studies	
Amman, Jordan	1949-1952
Charge d'Affaires of a tiny embassy	
Close relations with King Abdullah	
British ambassador Kirkbride not helpful	
Plight of Palestinians after 1948 war	
Jewish attitudes towards compromise	
US idea to resettle disposed Arabs in other lands	
Washington appears determinedly pro-Israeli	
King Abdullah meets with Israeli officials	
King Abdullah assassinated	
Grandson Hussain becomes king	
Glubb Pasha, head of the Arab Legion	
Arab -Israeli skirmishes	
Army War College	1955-1956
Baghdad, Iraq	1956-1959
Counselor of Embassy	
Richards Mission and the Eisenhower Doctrine	
Trouble in Lebanon	
US marines sent into Lebanon	
Nuri Said and royal family not popular	
July 14, 1958 revolution sweeps out old regime	
U.S. military and CIA caught unawares	
Tension between US and British ambassadors	
Capture and disappearance of three Americans	
U.S. citizens evacuated	
Difficulties with new Iraqi government	
New government friendly to communist but not to Nasser	
Scary visit to Asst. Secy. Rountree to Baghdad	
Prime Minister Abdul Karim Sassem	
U.S. accused of fomenting Kurds	
Russian embassy active	
Barcelona, Spain	1959-1964
Mainly US naval visits	
Alexandria, Egypt	1964-1967
Arab-Israeli Six-Day War, 1967	
Evacuation of US citizens	
US-Egyptian relations broke	
Department of State	1967-1970

Cultural Affairs
State-Defense Study Group (Pentagon)
Joint State-CIA Committee on Mildest war prospects

Salonika, Greece 1970-1971
Consul General
Difficulties with Ambassador Tasca

Retired July 1, 1973

Barcelona. Spain 1959-1964