

AMBASSADOR JOHN N. IRWIN II

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Born and raised in Keokuk, Iowa
Oxford and Princeton Universities
U.S. Army, World War II
Philippines (Joint Philippine-American Finance Commission)
Partner in law firm, Patterson, Belknap, 1950

Department of Defense 1957-1961
Deputy Assistant Secretary for ISA
Secretary of State John Foster Dulles

Law Firm 1961-1963

Panama Treaty Negotiations 1963-1967
Secretary of Treasury Robert Anderson
President Lyndon Johnson
Controversy over validity of 1902 treaty
Ellsworth Bunker
Sol Linowitz

Law practice

Under-Deputy Secretary of State 1970-1973
Negotiating with Peru on expropriation of International Petroleum

Paris, France; United States Ambassador 1973-1974
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