

AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY B. KNIGHT

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Background	
Born in Paris	
Harvard business school	
Co-owner of wine-importing business	
Murphy mission	
Army service	1944
Entered Foreign Service	
Paris, France	1944-1950
Special assistant to ambassadors Caffery and Bruce	
Responsibilities	
Berlin and Paris	1954-1957
Deputy assistant high commissioner	
Political advisor for General Gruenther and Norstad	
SHAPE liaison – Paris	
Pakistan	1957-1959
Minister counselor	
Disagreement with U.S. policy	
White House	1959-1960
Deputy Director of operations – coordinating board	
Role of board	
Damascus, Syria	1960-1965
Political situation	
Ambassador	1961-1965
Negotiations with Syrian government successful	
Arab-Israeli problem	
Changes in Syrian governments	
Brussels, Belgium	1965-1969
Ambassador	
Expulsion of NATO from France	
NATO military headquarters in Belgium	
Uprising against government in Zaire	
Lisbon, Portugal	1969-1973
Ambassador	
The Portuguese	

Wars in Angola and Mozambique
Visits to all the local provincial capitals
Renegotiation of Azores base agreement

Retirement from Foreign Service

Circumstances of retirement

Director of international relations, Chase Manhattan Bank

Final Comments