

AMBASSADOR CAROLINE (CAROL) CLENDENING LAISE

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Born in VA, raised in WV and DC
American University, Washington, DC

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Civil Service Commission

London – UNRRAA

Department of State, Bureau of UN Affairs

UNESCO, WHO, Ruhr Authority

Joined Foreign Service under Wriston Program

New Delhi

First Secretary and political officer
Tibetan refugees and Dalai Lama
Pres. Eisenhower's visit
Accused of being a Mata Hari
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Department of State

Senior seminar
Division of South Asian Affairs
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Member of Harriman-Sandys Kashmir Mission
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Nepal

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Dept. of State

Assistant secretary for public affairs
Relations with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger
Director General of Foreign Service
Task force for personnel changes
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