

# WILLIAM HARRISON MARSH

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Born in Pennsylvania; raised in Pennsylvania and Michigan  
Cornell University  
U.S. Air Force - Japan, School of Advanced International Studies, Princeton University  
Pennsylvania Economy League  
Entered Foreign Service - 1960  
A100 course

State Department - Aviation Division - Economist 1960-1962  
Civil Aviation Board  
Cuba

State Department - Foreign Service Institute [FSI] 1962-1963  
Vietnamese Language Training

Saigon, Vietnam - Political Officer 1963-1966  
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Paris, France - Vietnam Talks - U.S. Delegation 1972-1974  
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Peace Agreement - 1973  
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University of California at Berkeley - Atlantic Affairs Study - Refused  
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Brussels, Belgium - Political Officer 1968-1972  
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Paris, France - Vietnam Peace Talks - U.S. Delegation 1972-1974  
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State Department - European Affairs - France 1974-1976  
"Big Four" Camp David meeting  
Giscard d'Estaing visit  
Politics (internal)

State Department - Indochina Task Force 1975

National War College Israel visit Sadat	1976-1977
State Department - Special Assistant - Under Secretary for Security Assistance Congressional interest Arms sales Mrs. Benson	1977-1979
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - International Affairs - Counselor Environment Contacts U.S. Liaison Office - Riyadh Mecca mosque seizure AWACS Iran oil to Israel	1979-1981
Rabat, Morocco - Counselor for Political Affairs Embassy atmosphere Speechwriting AWACS Ambassador	1981-1983
Brussels, Belgium - Political Officer Prime Minister Wilfred Martens Labor reporting officers DCMs	1984-1987
Geneva, Switzerland - Deputy Chief of Mission Ambassador Petrone Representation Environment Iraq-Iran peace talks UN Human Rights Commission ACDA	1987-1992
Rome, Italy - Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO] - U.S. Representative Edward Saouma - Director General of FAO	1992-1994
State Department - Historical Division	1994-1997
Rome (continued) - FAO Staffing Budgeting	

## Comments on Foreign Service Career