

## MARIJA P. McCARTHY

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Mrs. McCarthy accompanied her husband, Ambassador John T. McCarthy, on his State Department Foreign Service assignments in the United States and abroad.

#### Background

Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Education

Fine Arts Academy, Belgrade

George Washington University

Corcoran School of Art

Married John T. McCarthy in 1975

Profession; Painter and Educator

Exchange student to US

#### General Comments

Managing creative painting and outside responsibilities

Work schedule as artist

Managing family obligations

Problems of separations

The urge to work and paint

Watercolor painting

Family relations

Featured painter in American Artist

Choosing to be an artist

Art in America Program

Meeting husband

Exhibits of works in Washington, DC

The creative process

Enjoyment of Foreign Service life

#### Posts of Assignment

Washington, DC, 1975

Brussels, Belgium, 1976-1980

Environment

Social life

Painting and exhibitions

Managing family and social obligations

Washington, DC, 1980-1985

Islamabad, Pakistan, 1986-1988

House in Muree  
Environment  
Impressions  
Painting and exhibitions  
Geography  
Teaching painting  
Congressman Charles Wilson  
Afghan War  
Congressional visits  
US assistance to Afghan refugees

Beirut, Lebanon, 1988-1989

Husband was Ambassador to Lebanon  
Rene Moawad assassination  
Art in Residence

Washington, DC, 1989-

Husband's lecturing re Lebanon  
Husband's periodic home visits  
Children's reactions to father's absence  
Personal health  
Student art show