

CATHERINE ADAMS PELTIER

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Mrs. Peltier is the wife of Foreign Service Officer Alec Peltier and accompanied him on his various assignments in the United States and abroad

Background

- Born and raised in New England
- New England ethic of community service

Wives in the Foreign Service

- Employment opportunities at post
- Pros and cons of 1972 Directive (working wives)
- Compensation for domestic and representational services
- Congressional interest
- Children's needs
- Impositions on free time
- Free housing
- Interesting environment
- Education allowance for children
- Keep household goods "small"
- Effect of foreign life on children

POSTS

Saigon, Vietnam: 1968-1969

- Marriage
- Safe Haven to Manila

Manila, Philippines: 1968-1969

- Separation and Safe Haven
- Housing and allowances
- Work restrictions
- American Women's Association
- Environment

Bombay, India: 1970-1973

- Representation responsibilities
- Environment
- Indira Gandhi assassination
- Indo-Pakistan War (Radio exaggerations)
- Single Parents
- Children
- Housing for singles

Liaison Officers
“Burn out”
Children reaction

Medan, Indonesia: 1973-1975

Bridgetown, Barbados: 1975-1977

London, England: 1977-1981

Housing
Living environment
No language problem
Margaret Thatcher

Mexico City, Mexico

Children’s reaction

Fairfax County, Virginia

Housing and activities
Association of American Foreign Service Women (AAFSW)
Raising family
Working wives
Culture of non-working wives
Children’s schooling
Volunteering