

## WILLIAM PIEZ

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Born and raised in Rhode Island  
University of Rhode Island; Fletcher School  
United States Air Force  
Entered the Foreign Service in 1955  
Drafted into US Army, 1956

US Army, Fort Jackson, South Carolina 1956-1958  
Prisoner supervision  
Censorship detachment  
Marriage

State Department: Office of the Historian 1958

State Department; Bureau of Educational Exchange 1958-1960  
Fulbright professors program  
McCarthyism

Frankfurt, Germany: Rotation Officer 1960-1962  
Consular duties  
Family

State Department; FSI: Economics Training 1962

Fletcher School: International Economics studies 1962-1963

Kabul, Afghanistan: Economic/Political Officer 1963-1966  
Zahir Shah  
Prime Minister Mohammed Daud Khan  
Government  
Loya Jirga  
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Afghan international relations  
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State Department; Economic Bureau Trade Developing Countries Generalized Preferences African countries Proper use of revenue Working environment Legislative package to Congress	1971-1972
State Department: Japan Economic Desk Officer Economic and trade issues Kissinger's China visit US-Japan Economic Council (ECONCOM) Williamsburg Conference US gold sale policy Textile negotiations Japanese electronics industry Emperor's visit to US Tobacco monopoly Beef quota Treasury currency negotiations	1972-1975
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Relations with State Department

Retirement

1991

Department of Commerce, Office of International Trade

Japan America Society

Comments on role of Department of Commerce