

WILLIAM PRIMOSCH

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Background

Born and raised in Ohio
Maryknoll Fathers Seminary (Foreign Missions)
University of Notre Dame, George Washington University
Catholic Church
US Army, Germany
Entered the Foreign Service in 1975
A-100 Course

State Department, FSI; Serbo-Croatian language studies 1975-1976

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Commercial Officer 1976-1978

US commercial interests
Spy allegations
Yugoslav secrecy
“Worker Self Management System”
Economy
Preparing for Tito’s exit
Ethnic groups

State Department; Office of East European Affairs 1978

State Department, FSI; Economic training 1978-1979

State Department; Office of East European Affairs 1979-1981

Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria
Encouraging independence
Bilateral economic commissions or committees
Soviet ties
Warsaw Pact
Technical proficiency
Congressional interest
Defectors
Polish strikes

State Department, FSI; Mid-level Economic Training 1981-1982

Bangkok, Thailand; Economic Officer 1981-1985

UN Regional Economic and Social Commission
ASEAN
Encouraging market-oriented approach

Burma	
Refugees	
China	
Environment	
Thailand's Economic development	
Family	
State Department, Economic bureau-East Europe	1985-1988
Military Sales (FMS) debt	
Congressional interest	
Foreign (Mid East) debt write-offs	
Third World debt	
State Department, Office of Chinese Affairs	1988-1991
Encouraging Western contact	
Joint Agreements	
US commercial interest	
China and the World Trade Organization (WTO)	
Relations with China Embassy	
Tiananmen Square protests	
The National Security Council; Economic Division	1992-1993
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)	
Union opposition to NAFTA	
Relations with the President	
Brent Scowcroft	
Administration transition	
China Agreement	
AID programs	
Control of satellite technology	
State Department; Assistant to Coordinator for assistance	1993-1994
Programs for the former Soviet Union States (NIS)	
Russia cuts off supplies to former Satellites	
AID technical assistance to former Soviet nations	
Russian exchange program	
AID bureaucracy	
London, England, Economic Counselor	1994-1995
State Department; Team to monitor Dayton Peace Accord	1995-1996
Oversee of elections	
Coordination with military	
Milosevic and others	
Corruption in foreign aid programs	
European Commission aid programs	

State Department; Director, Office of Regional and Europe Union Affairs 1996-1998

- Organization of the European Union
- “New Transatlantic Agenda”
- European suspicion of US trade goals
- Managing relations with Europe
- US sanctions laws
- French-German relations
- European protectionism
- Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) issue
- Mergers under European law
- Iran-Libya Sanctions Law (ILSA)
- Cuba Policy
- Iran

Retirement 1998