

MARJORIE RANSOM

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Background

Born and raised in New York State
Trinity College (Washington, DC); Columbia University; Princeton
Lebanon visit
Entered USIA - 1962

Amman, Jordan - USIS - English Instructor 1963-1964
Arab language
Environment

Bombay, India - USIS - Assistant Information Officer 1964-1965
Movies

Taiz/Sanaa, Yemen - USIS - English Language Program 1966-1967
Egyptians
Yemen Arab Republic [YAR]
Withdrawal - May 1, 1967
Security

Teheran, Iran - TDY 1967-1968

Beirut, Lebanon - Arabic Language Study 1968-1969

Beirut, Lebanon - Spouse of Consular Officer 1969-1970
Social duties
Yemenis

Return to United States

Washington, DC - USIA - Near East Office - 1974-1975
Assistant Program officer

Sanaa, Yemen - USIS - Public Affairs Officer 1975-1978
AID
Television
Foreign programs
Security
Women
Environment

Washington, DC - USIA - North Africa and Sudan Desk Officer 1978-1980

Washington, DC - USIA - Egypt, Jordan, West Bank Desk Officer	1980-1981
Evacuations	
Terrorists	
Washington, DC - George Washington Univ. - Jefferson Fellow	1981-1982
Washington, DC - USIA - Voice of America - Near East Division -	
Deputy Director	1982-1983
Arab-Israeli relations	
Listenership	
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - USIS	1983-1985
Population	
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Arab-Israeli relations	
Iran	
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Saudi Arabia	
Damascus, Syria - USIS - Public Affairs Officer	1985-1988
Book Translation Program	
El-Al plane incident	
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President Assad	
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Carter visit	
Abu Nidal	
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (continued)	1983-1985
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Damascus, Syria (continued)	1985-1988
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Pecten (U.S. petroleum company)	
Foreign ministry	
Washington, DC - Executive Assistant to Counselor of USIA	1988-1990
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WorldNet	
Radio Marti	
Washington, DC - USIA - Foreign Service Personnel - Director	1990-1992

Assignments	
Policy influence	
Cairo, Egypt - USIS - Public Affairs Officer	1992-1995
Journalism training	
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Damascus, Syria - USIS - Public Affairs Officer/DCM	1995-1997
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Syrian isolation	
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Rabin assassinated	
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Washington, DC - USIA - Foreign Press Center – Director	1997-2000
Locations	
Foreign journalists	
Operational guidelines	
Foreign Press Corps	
CNN	
Merger with State Department	
Retirement	November 20, 2000