

WALTER ROBERTS
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Diplomat in residence Brown University	1966-1967
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Public Affairs advisor to U.S. ambassador at UN	

Roberts appointed Deputy Associate Director USIA for research and assessment 1969
Later becomes Associate Director

Friction between Media/Area Affairs and Research officer

Roberts offered position with center for Strategic International Studies, accepts and retires