

AMBASSADOR HERBERT JOHN SPIRO

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Background

- Born and raised in Hamburg, Germany
- Absence of Jewish discrimination
- Emigration to San Antonio, Texas
- US Army, World War II (Prisoner interrogation)
- Interrogation techniques
- Harvard University

Vienna, Austria; Chief, Counterintelligence, US Headquarters. c.1945-1965

- Vienna environment
- Hunting down former German intelligence services
- Kurt Waldheim
- Harvard classmate Henry Kissinger

Professor of Philosophy; Harvard, Amherst & U. of Pennsylvania 1965-1970

- Marriage
- Leave of absence in Oxford and London
- Fellowships in Africa (1967-1968)
- Friendship with Senator Hugh Scott

State Department; Policy Planning Staff 1970-1975

- “Spiro’s Law of Replication”
- Political writings on Africa
- Interpreting Henry Kissinger
- Concept of Interdependence in US foreign policy
- Origins of the Policy Planning Staff
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Schistosomiasis (bilharzia)

Ambassador to Cameroon 1975-1977

- President Ahmadou Ahidjo
- Peace Corps
- Relations
- Political and economic environment
- USAID problem
- Foreign assistance
- Railroad project
- Living environment
- Family
- USIS activities

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| Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea (concurrent with Cameroon) | 1975-1976 |
| Former Chargé tragedy | |
| Cocoa production | |
| President Macias | |
| Suspension of diplomatic relations | |
| Environment | |
| Chinese ambassador | |
| Family | |
| Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars | 1977-1979 |
| Defense Intelligence School, Anacostia | 1979-1980 |
| Various teaching, travels and other assignments | 1981-1983 |
| Free University of (West) Berlin; Professor for American Politics | 1980-1989 |
| John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies | |
| Visits to Moscow | 1973-1974 |