

VIC STIER

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Background	
Entrance into USIA	1951
Orientation	
Bangkok	
First assignment	
Questioned value and effectiveness of Psywar effort in Thailand	
Motion picture programs extensive in Thailand	
Max Waldo Bishop	
Hard-line anti-communist	
U.S. ambassador to Thailand	
Exaggerated anti-communist beliefs clouded his analysis of conditions in Southeast Asia	
USIA had knowledge to offer foreign policy but was ignored by Foreign Service	
Information Officer: Athens, Greece	1960
Greek-Turkish attitudes toward Cyprus	
Personality of Archbishop Makarios made USIS work difficult	
George Papandreou comes to power	
Jacqueline Kennedy visits Athens	
PAO Vincent Joyce allegedly insulted Prime Minister's son, Andreas, during VOA transmitter negotiations	
Declared Persona Non Grata	
Desk Officer for Greece, Turkey, and Iran-Cyprus	1965
Drafts paper on Iran for Foreign Policy meeting at Department of State	
Warns that U.S. was mistaken in giving total support to Shah	
View was rejected	
Country Public Affairs Officer, Ceylon (Sri Lanka)	1968
Political climate was very comfortable	
Lawless insurrection of dissidents	1970-1971

Tamil insurrection that plagues Sri Lanka today
More fault of the Tamils aided by Indian support

Transferred to Finland 1971
Finns have uneasy accommodations with Soviets, which they dislike but still defend
Finns very argumentative and critical of U.S. in Vietnam War

Stier was targeted in Finland by member of Soviet Embassy Staff

Hague, Netherlands 1975