

# JULIA TAFT

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### Background

- U.S. Army daughter
- Raised in Colorado
- Resided in Germany - 1950-1954
- University of Colorado

### Early Career

- Radio Free Europe - New York City
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

### White House Fellow 1970-1971

- Office of the Vice President
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Haldeman

### Africa Tour 1971

### Special Assistant to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare 1971

- Elliot Richardson
- Personalities
- Marriage

### Operation Babylift - HEW Representative 1975-1977

- Vietnam evacuation
- Task Force composition
- Refugees (Vietnamese)
- U.S. agencies and immigration
- U.S. reception centers

### Government and Consulting 1977-1984

- U.S. coordination for refugees
- U.S. policy toward refugees
- A White House problem
- Alexander Haig
- Canadian immigration program
- Haitian refugee study
- Consultant, Defense Department (humanitarian issues)
- Resignation (husband's appointment as Deputy Secretary of Defense)

### USAID - U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance - Director 1986-1989

- African famine

- Earthquakes, etc.
- Locusts
- Armenians
- Russia relations
- Chernobyl
- Sudan
- Relations with State Department
- U.S. media

Brussels, Belgium - Wife of U.S. Ambassador to NATO 1989

- U.S. Leadership Role - Comments
  - International humanitarian aid
  - Non-governmental organizations [NGOs]
  - Environmental issues