

# AMBASSADOR WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT III

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### Background

- Yale and Princeton
- Marshall Plan, Ireland
- Irish connection to Capital Hill
- Irish-connected politicians
- “Running” for ambassador
- Relations with President Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles

### Ambassador to Ireland 1953-1957

- Instructions and living conditions
- Ambassador policy towards Ireland
- Role of the Catholic Church
- Irish refusal to join NATO
- Prime Minister Costello’s trip to the US in 1956
- Importance of the consular section
- Citizenship laws
- Leisure time: golf and racing
- Promoting human rights
- McCarthyism, and Anti-American sentiments
- Greatest accomplishments
- Entertainment fund
- Embassy staff
- Successor Scott McLeod

### Subsequent Career

- Policy Planning Staff
- Refusing Ambassadorial position In Ceylon
- Joining the Foreign Service
- State Department program in Africa (1958)
- Bureau of Oceans and Scientific Affairs
- Resignation from Foreign Service