

JOHN H. TRATTNER

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Born and raised in Richmond, VA
Yale University, Columbia University, American University
US Navy'
Newspaper assignments
European tour and news assignments (CBS)
Entered the Foreign Service (USIA) in 1963

Voice of America: Editor and voice of Worldwide English's 1963-1965
Report to Europe
Program content
Foreign language broadcasters

State Department; FSI; Polish language training 1965-1966

Warsaw, Poland; Press Attaché 1966-1968
Gomulka
Polish Catholicism
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Strasbourg, France: Branch Public Affairs Officer 1969
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Paris, France; Regional Information Officer	1969-1970
Paris, France; Press Attaché	1970-1974
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attitude re US interest in Vietnam De Gaulle views on British in EEC Assisting White House at Summit meetings Paris Vietnam Peace Talks President Nixon visits International Commission of Control and Supervision The French Left “French Cultural superiority” French media Contacts with communist diplomats French Communist Party President Pompidou Personal relationships Family activities Universities President Nixon’s visit to Israel (Watergate effect) Ambassador Watson 	
Brussels, Belgium; US Mission to NATO; Deputy PAO	1974-1975
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France relations with NATO Environment protection NATO Committee on the Challenges of a Modern Society 	
State Department; Deputy Director, Office of Press Relations	1975-1978
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential foreign visits Press briefings Range of duties Working with Kissinger President Carter Shah of Iran Secretary Vance 	
State Department; Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State, Warren Christopher	1978-1979
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Security Council meetings Christopher’s duties Overseas over seas missions Afghanistan Release of Teheran embassy hostage negotiations 	
State Department; Executive Assistant to Christopher	1979-1980
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duties as Executive Assistant International Meetings and Conferences 	

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State Department; Spokesman for the Department of State	1980-1981
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State Department; FSI; German language study	1981
State Department; Board of Examiners	1981
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	1981-1982
State Department; Public Affairs Advisor, Political Military Soviets and “Yellow Rain”	1982
Retirement from State Department	1982
Post Retirement Activities	
Private organization, IRIS	1982-1983
Press Secretary to Senator George Mitchell	1983-1985
Private Consulting firm	1985-1987
Council on Excellence in Government, author “Prune Books”	1987
Public Diplomacy Council, Board member	1995-