

# JOHN EDGAR WILLIAMS

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Born in South Carolina

U.S. Army - Japan

University of North Carolina; Yale University; Victoria University  
(Wellington, New Zealand)

Visits to Nagasaki and Hiroshima bomb sites

Department of Air Force

London, England - Staff Aide/Consular Officer 1955-1956  
Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich

Madrid, Spain - Visa/Economic Officer 1956-1960

- Environment
- Military Base Agreement
- General Franco
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Buenos Aires, Argentina - Economic/Commercial Officer 1970-1975

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<p>State Department - Bureau of Economic Affairs - Italy  Duties and organization  Italian leftists  U.S. economic interests</p>	<p>1960-1961</p>
<p>State Department - Inter-American Affairs - Public Affairs Officer  Operation Boot Strap (Puerto Rico)  Cuba</p>	<p>1961-1962</p>
<p>Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut - Economic Studies  Castro</p>	<p>1962-1963</p>
<p>Montevideo, Uruguay - Economic/Commercial Officer  Latin American Free Trade Association  Environment  Contacts  U.S. interests  Hoof and mouth disease  Marriage to a foreigner  Soviet recruitment attempt  Reporting</p>	<p>1963-1966</p>
<p>State Department - Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs  Aftosa-ridden beef issue  Auto manufacturers  Duties and operations  GATT  LAFTA  Loans to World Bank  Vietnam  Maquiladora concept (Mexico)  Trade policies</p>	<p>1966-1970</p>
<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina - Commercial Attaché  Ambassador Lodge  U.S. trade opportunities  Environment  Peron legacy  Military in government  Fascism  “Disapproved” people  Terrorist activity  Personal protection  Western terrorist targets</p>	<p>1970-19??</p>

Auckland, New Zealand - Consul General	19??-1978
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor, University of North Carolina</li> </ul>	
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