

AMBASSADOR E. ASHLEY WILLS

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Background

Born in Tennessee and raised in Tennessee and Georgia
University of Virginia; Johns Hopkins University
VISTA program in Georgia (teaching)
Entered the Foreign Service (USIA) in 1972

State Department, FSI: Romanian language study 1973

Bucharest, Romania; USIA; Press Attaché 1973-1977

Marriage
Political situation
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Economy
VOA broadcasts
Social isolation
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VIP visits
Human Rights
Local Press
Local security agents
Ceausescu
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Durban, South Africa; Public Affairs Officer 1977-1979

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Indians Universities Family health problem	
State Department; FSI; Farsi language training Assignment to Iran canceled Teheran embassy hostage taking	1979-1980
Bridgetown, Barbados; Public Affairs Officer New Jewel Movement Outlying island nations Environment Grenada	1980-1983
Political Advisor for US invasion of Grenada Reasons for invasion Military preparations Military operations Searching for Alistair Hughes US students' rescue Award	1983
Johns Hopkins University; Economics & Public Affairs study	1983-1984
USIA; Deputy Director, Office of International Affairs Duties Grenada developments Transfer to State Department	1984-1985
State Department; Office of Southern African Affairs Constructive Engagement Critics of policy Debating US policy Family Contacts with ANC South Africa's nuclear weapons Israeli connection Operations Swedish lecturing Personnel Relations with Black Africans South Africa political developments Transfer to USIA	1985-1987
State Department; FSI: Serbo-Croatian language study	1987

Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Coordinating Operations Officer (USIA)	1988-1991
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. and Mrs. Milosevic Economy US policy Federation Branch PAO's Environment Family Visiting Speakers Program Kosovo Local press Population European policies Predictions of breakup 	
Senior Seminar	1991-1992
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Brussels, Belgium; Bilateral Public Affairs Officer	1992-1995
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New Delhi, India; Public Affairs Officer	1995-1997
New Delhi, India; Deputy Chief of Mission	1997-2000
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Ambassador to Sri Lanka	2000-2004

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India's policy
President Chandrika Bandaranaike
Elections
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USAID
Ethnic hostility
War and fighting
Tamil Tigers
Local press
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Family

Assistant US Trade Representative
Southwest Asia
Writing Trade Laws
Iraq
Afghanistan
India market

2004-2005

Retirement
WinterHale law firm

2005