

U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford (left) interviews an Indian woman seeking a visa in the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, in October 2006.



Foreign Service National (FSN) employee Amelia Alvarez responds to a public inquiry in the nonimmigrant visa section of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico.



Leaders of the Bureau of Management (left to right): J. Patrick Truhn, Director of the Office of Rightsizing the USG Overseas Presence; Bradford R. Higgins, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Resource Management and Chief Financial Officer; Richard J. Griffin, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and Director of the Office of Foreign Missions; George M. Staples, Director General; Henrietta H. Fore, Under Secretary of State for Management; Rajkumar Chellaraj, Assistant Secretary for Administration; Ruth A. Whiteside, Director of the Foreign Service Institute; James H. Thessin, Principal Deputy Legal Advisor; Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Consular Affairs; James Van Derhoff, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Information Resource Management; Charles E. Williams, Director of Overseas Buildings Operations; Laurence G. Brown, Director of the Office of Medical Services; Marguerite Coffey, Managing Director of the Office of Management Policy; William H. Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, Logistics Management; Barry L. Wells, Director of the Office of Civil Rights and Chief Diversity Officer; Kim H. Nickles, White House Liaison to the State Department; and Ann D. Greenberg, Director of the Family Liaison Office.



U.S. Ambassador to China Clark Randt (third from right) shovels dirt at the ground-breaking ceremony for a new U.S. Embassy in Beijing in February 2004. The building is expected to be completed in 2008.

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs R. Nicholas Burns oversees overall regional and bilateral policy issues, managing the geographic bureaus as well as the Bureau of International Organization Affairs and the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.



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In Mombasa, Kenya, Kenyan Minister of State for Defense Njenga Karume (left) and U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Michael E. Ranneberger walk to a dedication ceremony for boats that will help Kenyan authorities to combat arms and drug trafficking.

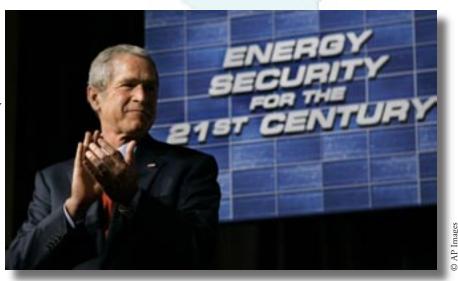


In December 2006, U.S. Air Force crew members rest during a relief mission to deliver supplies to Kenya's Dadaab area, where three refugee camps had been cut off by catastrophic floods.



Colombian Interdiction Chief Lieutenant Colonel Oscar Atehortua (left) and Afghan Deputy Minister of Interior for Counter-Narcotics General Mohammad Daud Daud at a joint press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, in August 2006. The Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs sponsors such meetings to help combat international narcotics and crime.

President George W. Bush applauds the efforts of Congress in passing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, designed to diversify the U.S. energy supply and make America less dependent on foreign oil.





U.S. Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky (left) talks with U.K. Minister of State for Climate Change and Environment Elliot Morley at the 10th International Convention on Climate Change in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December 2004.



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A Somali refugee woman and her daughter in a refugee camp outside Dadaab, Kenya. During a 2006 visit to the camp by Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration Ellen Sauerbrey, a protocol on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse was adopted.



Assistant Secretary Ellen Sauerbrey gathers with children at the Umpiem Mai Burmese refugee camp, which the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration helps fund.



Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Murli Deora; Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Akira Amari; Chinese National Development and Reform Commission Chairman Ma Kai; South Korean Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Energy Chung Sye-kyun; and U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman in Beijing, China, in December 2006.



During a recent visit to Antarctica, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Claudia A. McMurray was briefed on climate change and other global environmental issues being studied at the McMurdo Station, the destination of these scientists and other passengers and supplies.



This woman in her early 20s was trafficked into a blue jeans sweatshop. The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons assists in the coordination of anti-trafficking efforts.



U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Deputy Assistant Secretary Jeff Krilla represented the United States at the June 2006 International Labor Organization conference, where delegates held a special session on forced labor in Burma.

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U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes shows a young Moroccan girl an Internet site during a ceremony to open Morocco's second American Corner in June 2006.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Dina Powell leads the State Department's bureau that administers exchange and cultural programs. These activities are among the most effective tools of public diplomacy.



U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Michele Sison (left) talks with Anwar Wajdi, deputy director of Dubai Ports World, in the United Arab Emirates during a press conference about U.S. humanitarian aid for Lebanon in August 2006.



A U.S. Navy soldier unloads a box of relief goods at Manila's international airport in December 2006. The goods were donated in response to the humanitarian needs following Typhoon Durian.





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(Left to right) John Dooley of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Security and Non-Proliferation, the State Department's Anya Manuel and Anish Goel, and the Department of Energy's Sean Eoehlbert at the Indian ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, India, in June 2006 to work out the details of a landmark nuclear pact between the United States and India.



U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte (left) shakes hands with South Korea's Vice Foreign Minister Cho Jung-pyo during a meeting in Seoul, South Korea, in March 2007.



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U.S. Coast Guard members board a Japanese destroyer during a Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) drill at the naval base in Yokosuka, Japan.