

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Republic of Angola

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CANDIDATE: Helen Meagher La Lime

Helen La Lime is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. She has extensive experience working on issues concerning Africa. A former Chief of Mission and three-time Deputy Chief of Mission, she is known for promoting interagency collaboration. In Washington, she served as Director of Central African Affairs where she proved her skill at planning engagement strategies to deal with difficult bilateral relationships. She has an inclusive management style, which promotes strong morale.

Ms. La Lime currently serves as Director of Outreach at the Department of Defense Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Previously, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Pretoria, South Africa (2009-2012), Consul General in Cape Town, South Africa (2006-2009), Ambassador to Mozambique (2003-2006), Deputy Chief of Mission in Rabat, Morocco (2001-2003), Office Director (2000-2001) and Deputy Office Director (1999-2000) in the Office of Central African Affairs, Deputy Chief of Mission in N'Djamena, Chad (1996-1999), and Economist in the Bureau of International Organizations (1993-1995). She also served at U.S. missions in Switzerland, Poland, Bern, and Stuttgart, and as an American Citizen Services Emergency Officer in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she taught in France, the Netherlands, and Portugal.

Ms. La Lime earned a Master of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies at the National War College and a Bachelor of Arts in French from Georgetown University. She is fluent in Portuguese and French, and speaks German, Polish, and Spanish. She is the recipient of two individual Superior Honor Awards, two individual Meritorious Honor Awards and three Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards.

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