

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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

POST: Japan

CANDIDATE: Caroline B. Kennedy

Caroline B. Kennedy, a prolific author and an attorney, is well known for her literary accomplishments, commitment to public service on the boards of non-profit organizations and acumen in engaging international high-profile public figures. A talented public affairs leader, with a broad understanding of American and international politics, Ms. Kennedy will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Japan, a critical U.S. ally in Asia and around the globe.

Previously, Ms. Kennedy was a Freelance Columnist for Time Magazine, New York, New York (03/2007-07/2008) and Coordinating Producer, Office of Film and Television, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York (09/1980-08/1985). She has served as the President and Director of The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation since 1984 and has been a Member of the New York State Unified Court System, Office of Court Administration, Attorney Registration since 1990. She served as Member, Board of Directors, The Commission on Presidential Debates (1994-2011), Director, NAACP, Legal Defense and Educational Fund (1998-2009), Vice Chair (and Honorary Director since 01/2013) of the Board of Directors, The Fund for Public Schools (2002-2012), Chair, Senior Advisory Committee, The Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2002-Present), Member, Board of Directors, New Visions for Public Schools (2008-Present), Trustee, New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities and New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science (2010-Present), Member, Board of Directors, Cities of Services (2010-2013), Member, Board of Directors, Center for Reproductive Rights (2011-2012), and Member, Board of Trustees, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (2012-Present).

Ms. Kennedy earned a B.A. in Fine Arts at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980, and a J.D. at Columbia University Law School in New York, New York in 1988, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She studied at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, England (10/1975-08/1976). She speaks French.

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