

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: Laos

CANDIDATE: Daniel A. Clune

Daniel Clune is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. In his recent position as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), he successfully brought together the efforts of many agencies to advance U.S. goals, including building support for international environmental policies, and leading efforts to integrate energy, economic and environmental policies. He is widely regarded as an outstanding leader and team player with an easy and effective communication style which fosters high morale within his team.

Prior to working as PDAS in OES, Mr. Clune served as Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) in Canberra, Australia (2007-2010). Before that he was the Director of the Office of Monetary Affairs (2005-2007) and Director of the Office of Economic Policy and Public Diplomacy (2002-2005) in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. He also served as DCM in Nassau, The Bahamas (2000-2002), Trade Advisor at the US Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France (1998-2000), and as Director for the Middle East in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) (1997-1998). His other assignments have included tours of duty in Indonesia, the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, the Department's Operations Center, The Bahamas and Peru.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College and a law degree (J.D.) from the University of California at Berkeley. He speaks and reads French, Spanish and Indonesian, and has been the recipient of two Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards and numerous individual Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards.

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