

## 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: Lebanon

CANDIDATE: David Hale

David Hale, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, brings a wealth of regional experience to this job. Having served twice before in Lebanon, he has already developed a wide range of contacts and a sophisticated understanding of the political scene, as well as knowledge of security and management requirements of Embassy Beirut. As Special Envoy for Middle East Peace and former Ambassador to Jordan (2005-2008), Mr. Hale effectively led one of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs' largest missions and worked on one of the Department's highest profile issues, successfully navigating prolonged periods of crisis.

Mr. Hale has served as Special Envoy and Deputy Special Envoy for Middle East Peace since 2009. Previously, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (2008-2009), and as Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) and Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Amman (2003-2005). Previously, he served as the State Department's Director of the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs (2001-2003). He was the DCM in Beirut, Lebanon (1998 to 2001) and Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State (1997 to 1998). Earlier in his career, he served as a political officer at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, and overseas in Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia. Other Washington assignments have included Special Assistant to the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, and Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Mr. Hale earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Foreign Service (BSFS) from Georgetown University. He has been the recipient of several Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, a Presidential Rank Award, the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award, as well as individual Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards. He speaks and reads Arabic.

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