

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: Kingdom of Lesotho

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CANDIDATE: Matthew Harrington

Matthew Harrington is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. He has proven leadership skills and extensive experience in Africa, having served twice as Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM). He has led missions during times of unrest, promoted U.S. global health initiatives, and worked with nations with weak democratic institutions. He receives consistently high marks for his engaged and supportive leadership style.

Mr. Harrington currently is Office Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research's Office of Analysis for Africa (2012-Present). Prior to that assignment, he served as a Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commander of U.S. Army South in San Antonio, Texas. His two assignments as DCM were in Windhoek, Namibia (2008-2010), and in Lome, Togo (2003-2005). He also has served in Lisbon, Portugal as Political/Economic Counselor (2005-2008), as Political Officer in Harare, Zimbabwe (2000-2003), and as Desk Officer for Sudan in the Bureau of African Affairs (1998-2000). Earlier in his career, Mr. Harrington was a Watch Officer in the Department's Operations Center, a Political Officer in Brasilia, Brazil, and a Consular Officer in Accra, Ghana.

Mr. Harrington earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Washington and Lee University in Virginia. He has won numerous Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards during his career. He is fluent in French and Portuguese.

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