

## 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: North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

CANDIDATE: Douglas Edward Lute

Douglas Edward Lute is a retired United States Army Lieutenant General with a distinguished service record spanning 35 years. Since 2007, he has served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor at the National Security Council, where he played a key role in shaping the Obama administration's Afghanistan strategy. He is known for being a talented leader, respected for his strong analytical skills and sound judgment. An experienced negotiator, comfortable navigating relations with foreign governments, Lt. General Lute will bring essential skills in negotiating among America's allies as NATO charts its course of engagement in critical world affairs.

Prior to his National Security Council positions, Lt. General Lute served as the Director of Operations, Joint Staff, Pentagon (2006-2007), Major General, Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command, Florida (2004-2006), Brigadier General, U.S. European Command, Germany (2003-2004), Brigadier General, 1st Infantry Division, Germany (2001-2003), Colonel, Joint Staff, Pentagon, (2000-2001), and Colonel, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Louisiana (1998-2000). He joined the U.S. Army from West Point in 1975.

Lt. General Lute earned a Bachelor of Science degree at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Public Administration degree from the Harvard-Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He speaks Spanish and German. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, a Bronze Star, and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

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