

## 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: Nigeria

CANDIDATE: James F. Entwistle

Ambassador Entwistle is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, currently serving as Ambassador in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ambassador Entwistle is a steady, experienced leader who has served successfully in other difficult places, including three times as a Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM). He has been lauded for his operational effectiveness, strong communication skills and broad substantive knowledge.

Previous assignments for Ambassador Entwistle include as DCM in Bangkok, Thailand (2007-2010) and DCM in Colombo, Sri Lanka and Maldives (2003-2006). He also served as the Counselor for Political Affairs in Embassy Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1999-2003), and as DCM in Bangui, Central African Republic (1994 to 1995). He headed the Refugee Assistance Unit in Bangkok, Thailand (1991-1994). Other assignments include service at U.S. missions in Yaoundé and Douala, Cameroon and Niamey, Niger from 1981 to 1986, as a Watch Officer in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, as well as Desk Officer for Kenya and Uganda in the Bureau of African Affairs.

Mr. Entwistle is the recipient of several State Department awards including for Senior Foreign Service Performance, and the Order of Merit from the Government of the Central African Republic in 1995. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Davidson College in North Carolina. He speaks and reads French and Thai.

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