

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: Republic of the Philippines

CANDIDATE: Philip S. Goldberg

Philip Goldberg, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, possesses the managerial, diplomatic, policy and substantive skills needed to tackle our large, important mission in the Philippines. A two-time former Chief of Mission, he has managed increasingly complex missions with large interagency components. He is a superb public speaker and inspires loyalty in those who work under his supervision.

Mr. Goldberg currently is Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (2010-2013). Prior to that, he was the Department's Coordinator for the Implementation of United Nations Resolution 1874 on North Korea Sanctions (2009-2010). He has served as Ambassador in La Paz, Bolivia (2006-2008) and as Chief of Mission of the U.S. Office Pristina, Kosovo (2004-2006). Other senior positions have included Charge d'Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) in Santiago, Chile (2001-2004), Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Legislative Affairs (2001), Plan Colombia Coordinator (2000) and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State (1998-2000). Mr. Goldberg also served as a member of the State Department Transition team (2000-2001). Earlier assignments included positions as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, Bosnia Desk Officer, and tours at U.S. missions in Pretoria and Bogota.

Mr. Goldberg earned a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in Journalism from Boston University. He has received a Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, Presidential Meritorious Rank Award, numerous Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, and several individual Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards. He speaks and reads Spanish.

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