

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 Trinidad and Tobago

CANDIDATE: John Learie Estrada

John Learie Estrada served a distinguished 34-year career in the United States Marine Corps, retiring in 2007 at the rank of 15th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (2003-2007). He is currently Senior Manager, Lockheed Martin Corporation Training Solutions, Inc., Orlando, Florida and President of John L. Estrada Consulting LLC. Known for his talented leadership, management ability and commitment to excellence, he will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, a key U.S. ally in the Organization of American States.

Previously, Mr. Estrada was a Business Development Specialist, Coalescent Technology Corporation, Winter Park, Florida (11/2007-02/2008). His prior service in the Marine Corps included Sergeant Major, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California (10/2001-06/2003), Sergeant Major of the Recruit Training Regiment at Parris Island, South Carolina (04/2000-10/2001), and Sergeant Major for Recruiting Station, Sacramento, California (05/1998-04/2000). He is currently serving as a Presidential Appointed Commissioner with the American Battle Monuments Commission and a Committee Member on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in The Services. He has also served as a Member of the United States Organization (USO) Executive Committee, on the Board of Directors of Operation-Home-Front, a Member of Montford Point Marines Association, a Member of the 1st Marine Division Association, and a Member of the Marine Corps League.

Mr. Estrada earned a B.S. in Business Management at the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona. Among his many military awards are the Distinguished Service Medal Navy (2007), Bronze Star Medal (2003), four Meritorious Service Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (1992), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1993), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1991), Presidential Unit Citation Navy (2003), three Navy Unit Commendations, Ten Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, and a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

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