

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: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

CANDIDATE: Joseph W. Westphal

Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army in the Department of Defense since 2009, is known as a talented leader and manager in the executive and legislative branches of both federal and state governments. Extensive experience in U.S. government and deeply knowledgeable in national security policy, international politics and global issues, Dr. Westphal will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a critical U.S. economic and political partner in the Middle East.

Previously, Dr. Westphal served as Professor, Vice President and Provost, The New School University, New York, NY (2008-2009), University System Professor, University of Maine, Bangor, ME (2006-2009), Chancellor, University of Maine System, Bangor, ME (2002-2006), Senior Policy Counselor, Patton Boggs LLP, Washington, DC (2001-2002), Secretary of the Army (Acting), Department of Defense (03/2001-07/2001), Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense (1998-2001), Senior Policy Advisor for Water, Environmental Protection Agency (1997-1998), Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University (1996-1998), Special Assistant, United States Senator Thad Cochran (1995-1997), Executive Director, Congressional Sunbelt Caucus and Sunbelt Institute, U.S. House of Representatives (1988-1995), Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor & Department Head, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK (1975-1987), and a Teaching Assistant at both the University of Missouri and Oklahoma State University. He has been a Trustee of Adelphi University (2001-2009) and Director, Maine Public Broadcasting Network (2002-2006).

Dr. Westphal earned a B.A. from Adelphi University in 1970, an M.A. from Oklahoma State University in 1973, and a Ph.D. from University of Missouri in 1980. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Societies and the recipient of a Silver Medal for Superior Service from the Environmental Protection Agency, The Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal, U.S. Army Engineer Regiment, The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Department of Army and Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service, Department of the Army. Dr. Westphal is fluent in Spanish.

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