

Director General	Tenure	Ambassador & Senior Positions	President
Selden Chapin	Nov. 13, 1946 – Apr. 30, 1947	Hungary, Iran, Netherlands, Peru, Panama*	Harry S. Truman
Christian Magelssen Ravndal	May 1, 1947 – Jun 23, 1949	Uruguay, Hungary, Ecuador, Czechoslovakia	
Richard Porter Butrick	Sept. 7, 1949 – Apr. 1, 1952	Iceland	
Gerald Augustin Drew	Mar. 30, 1952 – Oct. 18, 1954	Jordan, Bolivia, Haiti, Inspector General of FS	Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower
Raymond A. Hare	Oct. 19, 1954 – Aug. 29, 1956	Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Asst. Sec. Near Eastern Affairs	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Joseph Charles Satterthwaite	May 6, 1957 – Sept. 1, 1958	Sri Lanka, Burma, Asst. Sec. African Affairs, South Africa	
Waldemar John Gallman	Nov. 17, 1958 – Jan. 31, 1961	Poland, South Africa, Iraq	
Tyler Thompson	May 14, 1961 – Feb. 15, 1964	Iceland, Finland	John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson
Joseph Palmer II	Feb. 16, 1964 – Apr. 10, 1966	Nigeria, Asst. Sec. African Affairs, Libya	Lyndon B. Johnson
John Milton Steeves	Aug. 1, 1966 – Jul. 31, 1969	Afghanistan	Richard Nixon
John Howard Burns	Aug. 1, 1969 – Jun. 15, 1971	Central African Republic, Tanzania	
William O. Hall	Jul. 5, 1971 – Sept. 30, 1973	Ethiopia	
Nathaniel Davis	Nov. 13, 1973 – Mar. 17, 1975	Bulgaria, Guatemala, Chile, Switzerland	Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford
Carol Laise	Apr. 11, 1975 – Dec. 26, 1977	Nepal, Asst. Sec. Public Affairs	Gerald Ford
Harry G. Barnes, Jr.	Dec. 22, 1977 – Feb. 8, 1981	Romania, India, Chile	Jimmy Carter
Joan Margaret Clark	Jul. 27, 1981 – Oct. 24, 1983	Malta, Director of Office of Management Policy, Asst. Sec. Consular Affairs	Ronald Reagan
Alfred Atherton	Dec. 2, 1983 – Dec. 28, 1984	Asst. Sec. Near East Affairs, Egypt	
George Southall Vest	Jun. 8, 1985 – May 3, 1989	Asst. Sec. Political/Military Affairs, Asst. Sec. European/Canadian Affairs, Pakistan	
Edward Joseph Perkins	Sept. 22, 1989 – May 7, 1992	Liberia, South Africa, UN, Australia	George H. W. Bush
Genta Hawkins Holmes	Sept. 7, 1992 – Aug. 18, 1995	Namibia, Australia	George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton
Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton	Dec. 29, 1995 – Aug. 22, 1997	Central African Republic, Nicaragua, Kuwait, Peru, Asst. Sec. Diplomatic Security	Bill Clinton
Edward William Gnehm	Aug. 25, 1997 – Jun. 14, 2000	Kuwait, UN, Australia, Jordan	
Marc Isaiah Grossman	Jun. 19, 2000 – 2001	Exec. Secretary, Turkey, Asst. Sec. European Affairs, Under Sec. Political Affairs	
Ruth A. Davis	Jun. 15, 2001 – Jun. 30, 2003	FSI Director, Benin	George W. Bush
W. Robert Pearson	Oct. 7, 2003 – Feb. 27, 2006	Exec. Secretary, Turkey	
George McDade Staples	May 25, 2006 – Jun. 27, 2007	Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon	
Harry K. Thomas, Jr.	Sept. 21, 2007 – Jun. 24, 2009	Bangladesh, Exec. Secretary, Philippines, Zimbabwe	George W. Bush, Barack Obama
Nancy Jo Powell	Aug. 3, 2009 – 2012	Uganda, Ghana, Pakistan, Nepal, India	Barack Obama
Linda Thomas-Greenfield	Apr. 2, 2012 – Aug. 2, 2013	Liberia, Asst. Sec. African Affairs	Barack Obama
Arnold A. Chacón	Dec. 22, 2014 – Jun. 2, 2017	Guatemala	Barack Obama, Donald Trump

* Note: Positions in BOLD were held after the position of Director General.