

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: Libya

CANDIDATE: Deborah Kay Jones

Deborah Jones is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. A former Chief of Mission, she has wide-ranging experience, including as a Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) and as Principal Officer, in managing large and complex missions. She is adept with working with Department of Defense and other inter-agency counterparts and brings broad regional experience, especially in promoting stabilization and democratization. She is currently Scholar in Residence at the Middle East Institute.

Ms. Jones served as Ambassador to Kuwait (2008-2011), and in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (2007-2008). Before that, she was Principal Officer in Istanbul, Turkey (2005-2007), served on the Board of Examiners in the Bureau of Human Resources (2004-2005), and served as Director of the Office of Arabian Peninsula Affairs (2002-2004), handling relations with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, UAE, and Yemen. Other positions included assignments as a Senior Advisor in International Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, Deputy Chief of Mission in Abu Dhabi (1998 to 2001), Desk Officer for Jordan, Public Affairs Advisor in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Watch Officer in the Operations Center. She also has served at U.S. missions in Ethiopia, Syria, Iraq and Argentina.

Ms. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Brigham Young University, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College. She has received several Senior Foreign Service performance awards, as well as an individual Superior Honor Award. She speaks and reads Arabic and Spanish.

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