

## BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

### THE HONORABLE JACK B. KUBISCH

Ambassador Jack B. Kubisch, U.S. Special Negotiator for the U.S. - Spanish Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, has had a varied career of diplomatic and military service as well as experience in private industry and academic affairs.

Born in Hannibal, Missouri on November 5, 1921, he attended Central Methodist College and in 1942 received his A.B. Degree from the University of Missouri. While at the University, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and on graduation was assigned to the University of Notre Dame where he was commissioned as Ensign and taught as an Instructor through 1943.

In 1944 and 1945, he served in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, first on the battleship USS NEW YORK and later on the battle cruiser USS GUAM, participating in the Philippine Liberation Campaign and the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Attaining the rank of Lieutenant, he also served as a Landing Force Officer commanding a ship's company of U.S. Marines.

Following one year of graduate study at Harvard University in 1946, he entered the Foreign Service in 1947 and was assigned to Brazil. In 1949, he was transferred to Paris, France and assigned as an Assistant to Ambassador Averell Harriman at the Marshall Plan Headquarters. Ambassador Kubisch then resigned from government service to enter private industry where he held executive positions for the next ten years. During the 1950's, he participated in Executive Seminars at the University of Notre Dame, also serving as a Visiting Lecturer at the University.

Returning to government service in 1961, he served successively abroad at our Embassies in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), as Economic Minister and AID Mission Director in Brazil, as Minister-Counselor (DCM) in Mexico and also in France, attaining a permanent rank of Career Minister in the U.S. Foreign Service. He also had a tour of duty at the State Department during this period. As



Charge d'Affaires in Paris 1971-73, he assisted with the Vietnam peace negotiations and supervised the diplomatic contacts in Paris between the United States and the People's Republic of China which led subsequently to the establishment of Liaison Offices in Washington and Peking.

In March 1973, Ambassador Kubisch was named by the President to be Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. He served concurrently as the U.S. Coordinator of the Alliance for Progress in Latin America. He also served as a Director of the Panama Canal Company and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation. He participated in the Scholar-Diplomat Seminars of the Department of State and was elected a Member of the Board of the Foreign Service.

In May 1974, he received the honorary Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Central Methodist College.

He was named by the President in August 1974 to be the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, a position he held until September 1, 1977, when he became Vice President of the National Defense University.

Ambassador Kubisch retired from the Foreign Service in 1979 and now makes his home in Pinehurst, North Carolina, where he remains active in professional and academic work. In March 1980, he was named as the U.S. Special Negotiator for the renegotiation of the U.S. - Spanish Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.

Ambassador Kubisch is married to the former Constance Linn Rippe of South Bend, Indiana. They have four children, two boys and two girls, ranging in ages from nineteen to thirty. He has been decorated by the French Government with the Legion d'Honneur, rank of Commander, and by the Department of Defense with the Secretary's Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the highest award that can be given to a civilian officer. He has written and lectured extensively at U.S. universities and colleges in the field of international affairs and is fluent in French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Membership in Academic and Professional Organizations:

American Academy of International Law  
American Academy of Political and Social Science  
Council on Foreign Relations  
Center for Inter-American Relations  
American Foreign Service Association

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