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### **Mr. J. Christian Kennedy**

Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

J. Christian Kennedy has been Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues at the U.S. Department of State since August 2006. His office is responsible for restitution and claims issues resulting from the Holocaust, such as providing assistance to Holocaust survivors and their families. His office, in coordination with the State Department's Special Envoy on Anti-Semitism, develops policies and programs to counter anti-Semitism, working with European governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Since joining the Foreign Service in 1980, Mr. Kennedy has served in Washington, D.C., Poland, and throughout Latin America. Prior to beginning in his current role, he was the Senior Advisor for the Foreign Service Career Development Program in the State Department's Bureau of Human Resources. From 1999-2004, he served as Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. He has been stationed at various posts in Mexico, Panama, and Colombia, and was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana from 1994 through 1996. From 1990 until 1994, Mr. Kennedy was the Consul General at the U.S. Consulate in Poznan, Poland.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Kennedy spent six years teaching English in Colombia and another 4 years as the director of the Centro Colombo-Americano Binational Center in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

Born in Johnson City, New York, Mr. Kennedy studied Romance Languages and Linguistics at the University of Chicago. He speaks Spanish, Polish and French and is a recipient of the Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award and Superior Honor Award.

Mr. Kennedy lives in Fairfax, Virginia, and he and his wife have three children.