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SAMUEL DE PALMA

Present Position: Assistant Director, International Relations Bureau,
United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Office Address: United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Born: June 22, 1918, Rochester, New York

Legal Residence: Maryland

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: nee Grace Eleanor Kilbourne
Children: Cynthia Maud De Palma
Winifred Ruth De Palma

Home Address: 6707 Rannoch Road, Bethesda, Maryland

Education: University of Rochester, Bachelor of Arts, 1940,
government major; American University Graduate
School, Washington, D. C. full-time graduate student
in 1941 and part time in 1942, international affairs
major

Experience:

Non-Government

1940-41 Research Assistant (part time), Newsweek Magazine,
Washington, D. C.

Government

1941-44 Economic Analyst, Intelligence Specialist, War
Department

1944-45 Chief, Area Studies Sub-section, War Department
Joint (Army-Navy) Target Group, Intelligence
Specialist on International Organization Affairs,
Division of International Organization Affairs,
Department of State, Washington, D. C.

1949 Expert on International Organization Affairs, Division
of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs.

1950 Foreign Affairs Officer (International Organizations),
Cultural and Human Rights Affairs, Office of United
Nations Economic and Social Affairs

1952 Staff Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of United Nations Affairs

1953 Foreign Affairs Officer (International Organizations),
Pacific Settlement Affairs, Office of United Nations,
Political and Security Affairs

1955 Appointed Foreign Service Officer; Officer-in-Charge,
General Assembly Affairs

1956 Deputy Director, Office of United Nations Political
and Security Affairs

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- 1957 Detailed National War College
1958 First Secretary, Political Officer, Paris (U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Regional Organizations)
1961 First Secretary, Political Officer, The Hague
1962 Counselor of Embassy for Political Affairs, The Hague
1963 Senior Officers Counterinsurgency Course, Oberammergau, Germany; U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Washington, D.C., Chief, Political Affairs Division, International Relations Bureau
1965 Deputy Assistant Director, International Relations Bureau, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
1966 to present Assistant Director, International Relations Bureau, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
1968 U.S. Representative to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Conference in the absence of the Deputy Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, with personal rank of Ambassador

Advisor, U.S. delegations numerous international conferences.

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SAMUEL DEPALMA SWORN IN
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS

Samuel DePalma, a career Foreign Service Officer, was sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. Mr. DePalma, who most recently served as Assistant Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in charge of the International Relations Bureau, will succeed Joseph J. Sisco who will become Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Mr. DePalma began his government career in the War Department where he served as an Economic Analyst and Intelligence Specialist in the Department's Analysis Division (1941-44) and as Chief of the Areas Studies Sub-section of the War Department Joint (Army-Navy) Target Group (1944-45).

After entering the State Department as a Specialist on International Organization Affairs in the Division of International Organization Affairs, in 1945, Mr. DePalma served for some 10 years in the Department in areas directly involved with international organization affairs. After this initial assignment he was assigned in 1949 to the Division of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs, serving in that Division from 1950-52. In 1952 he became Staff Assistant in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of United Nations Affairs. In 1953 he served as a Foreign Affairs Officer in the Office of Pacific Settlement Affairs, Office of United Nations Political and Security Affairs. In 1956 he was appointed Deputy Director, Office of United Nations Political and Security Affairs.

After having been chosen to attend the National War College in 1957, he served in Paris from 1958-61, as First Secretary and Political Officer at the U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Regional Organizations. From 1961 to 1963 he served successively as First Secretary and Counselor of Embassy for Political Affairs at the United States Embassy in the Hague.

From 1963 until 1968 he served with ACDA, first (1963-65) as Chief of the Political Affairs Division, of the International Relations Bureau and then as Deputy Director of the Bureau. In 1966 he was appointed by President Johnson as Assistant Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. In 1968 he served with the personal rank of Ambassador as the U.S. Representative to ENDC and also served with the personal rank of Ambassador as Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States.

Mr. DePalma was born in Rochester, New York, on June 22, 1918 and is now a resident of Maryland. He was graduated from the University of Rochester with a B.A. degree in 1940. He is married to the former Grace Eleanor Kilbourne and has two daughters, Cynthia Maud and Winifred Ruth.

