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Since retiring as a Senior Foreign Service Officer (Minister-Counselor) in 1995, Ambassador Marks has engaged in consulting, research, lecturing, and has published extensively on terrorism, interagency coordination, United Nations affairs, and complex international emergencies. He is currently a Distinguished Adjunct Professor at the Near East and South Asian Center for Strategic Studies, a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the George Mason University School of Public Policy's Program on Peacekeeping Policy, a Senior Fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College and a Senior Mentor in the US Army Battle Command Training Program.

Originally appointed into the Foreign Service in 1956 his early assignments included Kenya, Mexico, Angola, Zambia, Belgium, and Zaire. In 1976, Ambassador Marks was appointed Chief of Mission to the Republics of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde. Returning to Washington in 1980 he attended the National War College from which he moved to the Department of State as the Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism. This assignment was followed by a year as a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) where he worked and wrote on terrorism matters. He was assigned to the Republic of Sri Lanka as Deputy Chief of Mission and then Charge d'Affaires in 1986. In 1989 he was appointed Deputy United States Representative to the Economic and Social Council to the United Nations in New York. He returned to Washington in 1993 as a Senior Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, from which post he retired from the Foreign Service.

Ambassador Marks was recalled to active duty by the State Department 2002 to serve as the Department's representative on the Joint Interagency Coordination Group for Counterterrorism (JIACG/CT) at the United States Pacific Command in Hawaii, which he did until September 2005.

He is a Founding Trustee of the Command and General Staff College Foundation and a Member of the Board of the Directors of DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired). In addition to lecturing on international affairs in the Adult Education Program at New York University (1991-92), Ambassador Marks has served as a consultant/advisor to the World Food Program (1996), to the United Nations Development Program (1996-97), a Senior Mentor to US Joint Forces Command (1999-2002), and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the *Foreign Service Journal* (1997-2000).

Born in Chicago, Illinois in April 1934, Ambassador Marks attended high school in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from the Universities of Michigan (BA in Political Science, 1956) and Oklahoma (MA in Economics, 1976), and the National War College (1981). He served in the United States Army (1956-58). He is married to Aida Marks (nee Nercess) originally of Tehran, Iran.

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