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Bio Note, Michael E Parmly

Michael Eleazar PARMLY is a retired member of the United States Foreign Service, where he served from 1977 to 2010. Mr. Parmly's Foreign Service postings included Havana Cuba, where he headed the US Interests Section (now US Embassy) and presided over more than 50 US diplomats, and well over 300 employees. Prior to Cuba, Mr. Parmly served in senior positions both in the State Department in Washington DC and in Switzerland, France, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Romania, Morocco and Spain. He is the recipient of several honor awards, and upon retirement, received the Secretary's Career Achievement Award from Hillary Clinton.

Mr. Parmly has served as a Senior Faculty member at the National War College in Washington DC, where he developed and taught courses on US Foreign Policy Making, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, The Roots of Conflict in Afghanistan and the Role of Non-State Actors in Foreign Affairs. He also has lectured at the Escuela Superior de Guerra in Bogota, Colombia, at the Sorbonne in Paris, at the University of Nantes/Audencia, at Florida International University in Miami, and to a variety of audiences -- including the Geneva Centre for Security Policy -- here in Switzerland.

Mr. Parmly holds two graduate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. His undergraduate degree is from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was the Honor Graduate of his class, and where he also took courses at La Universidad Ibero-Americana in Mexico, DF. After earning his undergraduate degree, Mr. Parmly served for two years in the Peace Corps in Bucaramanga, Colombia, where he worked with the Ministry of Education and Coldeportes. Mr. Parmly has been married since 1977 to Marie-Catherine nee Schutte; with Mrs. Parmly, he has two children -- Berengere, a lawyer practicing in London, UK, and Christopher, working in Washington DC.