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**PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. FULL NAME: William Joseph Burns  
OTHER NAMES USED: N/A
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 4/11/1956, Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
CITIZENSHIP: USA
3. MARITAL STATUS: Married
4. SPOUSE'S NAME: Lisa Carty
5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: N/A
6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:

NAME

AGE

**INFORMATION REDACTED**

7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE RECEIVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEGREE</u>
La Salle University	1973 – 1978	B.A.	1978
Oxford University, St. John's College	1978 – 1981	M.Phil and D. Phil	1981

8. EMPLOYMENT RECORD (LIST ALL POSITIONS HELD SINCE COLLEGE, INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE. INDICATE NAME OF EMPLOYER, POSITION, TITLE OR DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT).

EMPLOYER

POSITION/TITLE

LOCATION

DATES

U.S. Department of State:

State Consular and Political Officer, Embassy Amman (1982 – 1984)

Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Washington, DC (1984-1985)

Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State, Washington, DC (1985-1986)

National Security Council Staff Director and Senior Director for Near East and South Asia and Special Assistant to President Reagan, Washington, DC (1986-1989)

Acting Director and Principal Deputy Director, Policy Planning Staff, Washington, DC (1989-1993)

Advanced Russian Language Training, Washington, DC and Garmisch, Germany (1993-1994)

Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs, Embassy Moscow (1994-1996)

Executive Secretary & Special Assistant to Secretary of State Christopher and Secretary of State Albright, Washington, DC (1996-1998)

U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, Embassy Amman (1998-2001)

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Washington, DC (2001-2005)

U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Embassy Moscow (2005-2008)

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Washington, DC (2008-2011)

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, Washington, DC (2011-2014)

Post-Government:

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, President, Washington, DC (2015 – present)

9. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE (INDICATE EXPERIENCE IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, HONORARY, OR OTHER PART-TIME SERVICE OR POSITION. DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED IN QUESTION 8).

Secretary Kerry's Foreign Affairs Advisory Board (2015-2017)

Director of National Intelligence Coats' Advisory Board (2017)

10. INDICATE ANY SPECIALIZED INTELLIGENCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERTISE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED HAVING SERVED IN THE POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 8 AND/OR 9.

I have deep national security experience, with thirty-three years as a career diplomat and senior national security official. I served as chief of mission in Russia and Jordan, and in a variety of senior policy positions in Washington, including at the National Security Council staff; as Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; and in the number three (Under Secretary for Political Affairs) and number two (Deputy Secretary of State) jobs in the State Department.

Throughout these assignments (five of them Senate-confirmed) at home and abroad, I worked closely with CIA counterparts across a range of intelligence priorities, from intelligence collection and analysis to covert action, counterintelligence and foreign liaison relations. As a senior policy consumer, I developed a profound appreciation for the importance of good, objective intelligence as the starting point for effective policy, and a similar respect for the professionalism and courage of CIA colleagues with whom I served in hard places around the world.

In my last two positions in government and then during my tenure on DNI Coats' outside advisory board, I also focused increasingly on the growing challenge of a rising and adversarial China, and the impact of the revolution in technology on U.S. national security, including the intelligence community.

11. HONORS AND AWARDS (PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORARY DEGREES, MILITARY DECORATIONS, CIVILIAN SERVICE CITATIONS, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENT).

Awards and Honors

- Marshall Scholarship, Oxford University (1978 – 1981)
- Middle East Institute, Lifetime Achievement Award (2014)
- Anti-Defamation League, Distinguished Statesman Award (2014)
- American Academy of Diplomacy, Annenberg Award for Diplomatic Excellence (2015)
- National Committee on American Foreign Policy, George F. Kennan Award (2019)
- Foreign Policy Magazine Diplomat of the Year (2014)
- American Academy of Diplomacy Best Book of Year (2019)
- Foreign Policy Association Medal (2020)

Civilian Service Awards & Decorations

- Promoted to rank of Career Ambassador (2008)
- 3 Presidential Distinguished Service Awards
- 3 U.S Department of State, Secretary's Distinguished Service Awards
- U.S Department of State, Secretary's Career Achievement Award
- U.S. Department of State, James Clement Dunn Award (1991)
- U.S Department of State, Robert C. Frasure Award for Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking (2005)
- U.S Department of State, Charles E. Cobb Jr. Ambassadorial Award for Initiative and Success in Trade Development (2006)
- Department of Defense Award for Distinguished Public Service (2014)
- U.S. Intelligence Community Medallion (2014)
- Central Intelligence Agency, Agency Seal Medal (2014)

Honorary Degrees

- Amherst College, 2016
- LaSalle University, 1998
- Rocky Mountain College, 2007
- Lewis University, 2006

Foreign Government Decorations

- Commandeur, Legion of Honour (France)
- Knight Commander, Order of Merit (Germany)
- Grand Cordon, Order of the Rising Sun (Japan)
- Marshall Medal (UK)
- Commentadore, Order of Merit (Italy)
- First Order, Al Kawkab Medal (Jordan)

Academic Honors

- Cyril Foster Distinguished Lecturer, Oxford University (2009)
- Honorary Fellow, St. Johns College, Oxford University (2012 – Present)
- Sadat Lecture, University of Maryland (2015)
- Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford (2017)

12. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (LIST MEMBERSHIPS IN AND OFFICES HELD WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS IN ANY PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, FRATERNAL, BUSINESS, SCHOLARLY, CULTURAL, CHARITABLE, OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS).

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Allianz	International Advisory Board Member	(2020 – present)
American Ditchley Foundation	Board of Directors	(2018 – present)
Appeal of Conscience Foundation	Board of Trustees and Advisory Council	(2017 – present)
American University of Beirut	International Advisory Board	(2018 – present)
The Atlantic	Contributing Writer	(2020)
The Atlantic Council	Board of Directors	(2015 – 2016)
Bilderberg Conference	Steering Committee	(2019 – present)
Blackstone	Senior Advisor	(2015 – 2019)
Financial Services Volunteer Corps	Board of Directors	(2016 – present)
Global Leadership Coalition	Board of Directors	(2019 – present)
International Paper	Board Member	(2015 – present)
Macro Advisory Partners	Global Advisory Board Member	(2015 – present)
Makena Capital Management LLC	Board of Directors	(2016 – 2020)
National Endowment for Democracy	Board of Directors	(2016 – 2020)
PepsiCo	Senior Advisor	(2016-2017)
US Middle East Project	International Board	(2016 – present)

13. PUBLISHED WRITINGS AND SPEECHES (LIST THE TITLES, PUBLISHERS, BLOGS AND PUBLICATION DATES OF ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES, REPORTS, OR OTHER PUBLISHED MATERIALS YOU HAVE AUTHORED. ALSO LIST ANY PUBLIC SPEECHES OR REMARKS YOU HAVE MADE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS FOR WHICH THERE IS A TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO). IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH REQUESTED PUBLICATION, TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO?

Yes. I will provide a copy of requested materials if requested. See links below.

**Publications:**

- Chapter in [“The Future of Think Tanks and Policy Advice Around the World”](#) – James McGann, *Palgrave MacMillan* (2021)
- Foreword for [“The Arab Cold War: Gamal’ Abd Al-Nasir and His Rivals, 1958–1970”](#) – Malcolm Kerr, *Oxford University Press* (2020 edition)

3. [“Reimagining Transatlantic Relations: Introduction”](#) - *CEIP* (10/6/20)
4. [“The Blob Meets the Heartland”](#) – *The Atlantic* (9/24/20)
5. [“The Transformation of Diplomacy”](#) – with Linda Thomas-Greenfield, *Foreign Affairs* (9/23/20)
6. [“America First Enters It’s Most Combustible Moment”](#) – *The Atlantic* (8/29/20)
7. [“The United States Needs a New Foreign Policy”](#) – *The Atlantic* (7/14/20)
8. [“A Message to the Carnegie Endowment Community”](#) – *CEIP* (6/4/20)
9. [“Polarized Politics Has Infected American Diplomacy”](#) – *The Atlantic* (6/6/20)
10. [“America Needs a Rebirth of Public Service”](#) – *The Atlantic* (5/4/20)
11. [“A Make-or-Break Test for American Diplomacy”](#) – *The Atlantic* (4/6/20)
12. [“A Moment to Renew American Statesmanship”](#) – *Wall Street Journal* (3/27/20)
13. [“The Damage at the State Department Is Worse Than You Can Imagine”](#) – *The Atlantic* (3/12/20)
14. [“The U.S.-India Relationship Is Bigger Than Trump and Modi”](#) – *The Atlantic* (2/22/20)
15. [“Impunity Is Triumphant Over Integrity”](#) – *The Atlantic* (2/8/20)
16. [“The Death of a Temperate Leader in an Intemperate Region”](#) – *The Atlantic* (1/13/20)
17. [“Soleimani’s Ultimate Revenge”](#) – with Jake Sullivan, *The Atlantic* (1/6/20)
18. [“How Small European Allies See Trump”](#) – *The Atlantic* (12/31/19)
19. [“An End to Magical Thinking in the Middle East”](#) – *The Atlantic* (12/8/19)
20. [“I Fear the Weak State”](#) – *The Atlantic* (11/17/19)
21. [“This is a War Trump Can End”](#) – *Washington Post* (11/4/19)
22. [“The Demolition of U.S. Diplomacy”](#) – *Foreign Affairs* (10/14/19)
23. [“It’s Time to Talk to Iran”](#) – *New York Times* (10/14/19)
24. [“We Led Successful Negotiations With Iran. Trump’s Approach Isn’t Working”](#) – with Jake Sullivan, *The Atlantic* (5/6/19)
25. [“Trump’s ‘deal of the century’ for Arab-Israeli peace is doomed by delusions”](#) – *Washington Post* (5/7/19)
26. [“US must appreciate the merits of a modest deal with North Korea”](#) – *Financial Times* (4/7/19)
27. [“The Lost Art of American Diplomacy”](#) – *Foreign Affairs* (3/27/19)
28. [“How We Tried to Slow the Rush to War in Iraq”](#) – *Politico* (3/13/19)
29. [“How to Save the Power of Diplomacy”](#) – *New York Times* (3/8/19)
30. [“How the U.S.-Russian Relationship Went Bad”](#) – *The Atlantic* (3/8/19)
31. [“The Back Channel: A Memoir of American Diplomacy and the Case for Its Renewal”](#) – *Random House* (2019)
32. Foreword for [“Think Peace: Essays for an Age of Disorder”](#) – Thomas de Waal, *CEIP* (2019)
33. Chapter in [“Letters to Andrew Carnegie”](#) – *Carnegie Corporation of New York* (2019)
34. [“The Need for Civil Courage”](#) – *CEIP* (10/18/18)
35. [“Putin Has Overplayed His Hand”](#) – *New York Times* (3/31/18)
36. [“The Iranian protests are an opportunity for Trump — just not the one he wants”](#) – with Jake Sullivan, *Washington Post* (1/8/18)
37. [“Foreword to Contain, Enforce, and Engage: An Integrated U.S. Strategy to Address Iran’s Nuclear and Regional Challenges”](#) – with Michèle Flournoy, *CEIP and CNAS* (10/26/17)
38. [“The Smart Way to Get Tough with Iran”](#) – with Jake Sullivan, *New York Times* (9/21/17)
39. [“The Value and Purpose of American Diplomacy”](#) – *Foreign Service Journal* (7/12/17)
40. [“The risks of the Trump administration hollowing out American leadership”](#) – *Washington Post* (4/19/17)
41. [“The Rules of the Brave New Cyberworld”](#) – with Jared Cohen, *Foreign Policy* (2/16/17)
42. [“How We Fool Ourselves on Russia”](#) – *New York Times* (1/7/17)
43. [“Clean Power Plan and American global leadership”](#) – *The Hill* (10/12/16)
44. [“U.S. Leadership and the Challenge of State Fragility”](#) – with Michèle Flournoy and Nancy Lindborg, *CEIP, CNAS, & USIP* (9/12/16)
45. [“Fragile States and the Next President”](#) – with Michèle Flournoy and Nancy Lindborg, *Foreign Affairs* (9/11/16)
46. [“Modi’s First Year”](#) – *CEIP* (5/26/15)
47. [“Why Corruption Matters”](#) - with Mike Mullen, *Project Syndicate* (5/6/16)
48. [“We can — and must — save Tunisia from its troubling recent descent”](#) – with Marwan Muasher, *Washington Post* (4/13/16)
49. [“Close India-US ties are crucial for shaping global order”](#) – *Hindustan Times* (4/3/16)
50. [“What Should Be the Purpose of American Power?”](#) – *National Interest* (8/24/15)
51. [“The Fruits of Diplomacy with Iran”](#) – *New York Times* (4/2/15)



52. Foreword for "[America's Other Army: The U.S. Foreign Service and 21st Century Diplomacy](#)" - Nicholas Kralev, *Createspace* (2015 edition)
53. Foreword for "[Turkey's Nuclear Future](#)" – George Perkovich and Sinan Ülgen, *CEIP* (2015)
54. "[10 Parting Thoughts for America's Diplomats](#)" – *Foreign Policy* (10/23/14)
55. *Economic Aid and American Policy Toward Egypt, 1955-1981* (State University of New York Press, 1985)

#### Interviews/Speeches/Podcasts:

1. "[Nader Mousavizadeh talks to Amb. Bill Burns](#)" – *Macro Advisory Partners' Mapping the World* (12/8/20)
2. "['Never More Adrift': William J. Burns on Repairing U.S. Diplomacy After Trump](#)" – *World Politics Review's Trend Lines* (6/10/20) [interview transcript [here](#)]
3. "[Remaking U.S. foreign policy in the aftermath of a president who has been 'drunk at the wheel'](#)" – *Deep State Radio* (5/28/20)
4. "[Amb. Bill Burns discusses Putin, Iran, NATO expansion, 9/11, President Trump's foreign policy, and the future of U.S. diplomacy](#)" – *Modern American Diplomacy* (4/28/20)
5. "[Bill Burns on Coronavirus, The Back Channel, and the Future of U.S. Diplomacy](#)" – *The World Unpacked* (4/2/20)
6. "[Ambassador Bill Burns](#)" – *Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs* (3/6/20)
7. "[The Career Diplomat with William J. Burns](#)" – *CNAS's Brussels Sprouts* (2/14/20)
8. "[Diplomacy in a Disordered World](#)" – *CEIP Interpreting India* (11/20/19)
9. "[A State Department Sideline by Personal Politics](#)" – *Diane Rehm Show, WAMU 88.5* (10/25/19)
10. "[U.S. Diplomacy in the Middle East](#)" – *Babel, CSIS* (9/10/19)
11. "[Think about a career in public service](#)" – *American Diplomat, AAD* (8/12/19) (part 2)
12. "[Bill Burns – The Back Channel](#)" – *American Diplomat, AAD* (7/31/19) (part 1)
13. "[The Back Channel: A Conversation with America's Most Distinguished Diplomat About the Past & Future of U.S. Foreign Policy](#)" – *National Security Magazine, Deep State Radio Network* (7/26/19)
14. "[Ambassador William J. Burns](#)" – *Chautauqua Institution* (7/16/19)
15. "[S2 Bonus - Amb. William Burns](#)" – *Things That Go Boom, Inkstick Media/PRI* (7/8/19)
16. "[Bonus Pod: 'Situation Room' Dialogue on Responding to Iran](#)" – *Intelligence Matters, CBS News* (6/21/19; transcript available online)
17. "[The Back Channel](#)" – *Yahoo! News* (6/21/19) [ [write-up available](#)]
18. "[Cooler Heads in Crisis: Why American Diplomacy Matters Today](#)" – *World Affairs Podcast* (5/27/19)
19. "[American Diplomacy, With William J. Burns](#)" – *The President's Inbox, CFR* (6/4/19)
20. "[Outtakes: William Burns on Russia](#)" – *Project Syndicate Podcast* (5/13/19)
21. "[Trump gets tougher with Iran and China; Facebook co-founder says it needs to be split](#)" – *Fareed Zakaria GPS, CNN* (5/12/19)
22. "[Ep. 325 - Bill Burns](#)" – *The Axe Files with David Axelrod, University of Chicago Institute of Politics* (5/9/19)
23. "[The Secret Openings of US Foreign Policy](#)" – *Project Syndicate Podcast* (5/7/19)
24. "[The Future of Peace](#)" – *Future State* (5/6/19)
25. "[The Case for American Diplomacy](#)" – *Commonwealth Club of California* (4/17/19)
26. "[Cover to Cover: Featuring Amb. William J. Burns on March 21, 2019](#)" – *Cover to Cover, World Affairs Councils of America* (4/3/19)
27. "[DiploPod Live: Bill Burns and American Diplomacy](#)" – *DiploPod* (3/26/19)
28. "[Bill Burns Pt. 2](#)" – *The Tea Leaves Podcast, The Asia Group* (3/25/19)
29. "[Bill Burns on the Practice and Strategic Value of American Diplomacy](#)" – *Intelligence Matters, CBS News* (3/13/19; transcript available online)
30. "[Where American Diplomacy Went Wrong](#)" – *On My Mind, WAMU* (3/12/19)
31. "[William Burns: The Back Channel](#)" – *EastWest Institute Podcast, EastWest Institute* (3/12/19)
32. "[The Masthead: Bill Burns on 'A Brief History of U.S.-Russian Missteps'](#)" – *The Masthead Podcast, The Atlantic* (3/11/19)
33. "[Bill Burns Pt. 1](#)" – *The Tea Leaves Podcast, The Asia Group* (3/11/19)
34. "[Former Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns joins Pod Save the World to discuss his new book](#)" – *Pod Save the World, Crooked Media* (3/6/19)
35. "[Ambassador William J. Burns on a World in Transition](#)" – *Carnegie-Tsinghua Center's China in the World* (6/6/18)
36. "[Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns](#)" – *Pod Save the World, Crooked Media* (5/31/17)

## **PART B - QUALIFICATIONS**

14. QUALIFICATIONS (DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY).

I have nearly three and a half decades of experience in national security affairs, including serving as a U.S. ambassador in Russia and the Middle East, in the number two and number three positions at the State Department, and on the NSC staff. I am deeply familiar with the overseas work of the CIA, serving together with CIA officers and their families in challenging environments. And I am equally familiar with the analytical work of the CIA, as a senior policymaker in various positions in Washington over many years.

I have considerable experience leading and managing large organizations, including as Deputy Secretary of State and as U.S. ambassador in Moscow (then one of the largest American embassies in the world). I have also managed substantial budgets and complex human resource systems. Throughout my career, I attached very high priority to taking care of people -- leading, mentoring, and working hard to recruit and retain a diverse workforce and support their families. I've always tried to set a strong standard for professionalism and ethical conduct.

## **PART C - POLITICAL AND FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS**

15. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (LIST ANY MEMBERSHIPS OR OFFICES HELD IN OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR SERVICES RENDERED TO, ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ELECTION COMMITTEE, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, OR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS).

Financial contributions to Biden-Harris campaign (2020), and to Congressional campaigns of Tom Malinowski, Andy Kim and Evelyn Farkas (2020). International Paper PAC, 2015-2020.

16. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (FURNISH DETAILS OF ANY CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE).

No.

17. FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS

(NOTE: QUESTIONS 17A AND B ARE NOT LIMITED TO RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. QUESTIONS 17A, B, AND C DO NOT CALL FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE IF THE REPRESENTATION OR TRANSACTION WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.)

- A. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REPRESENTED IN ANY CAPACITY (E.G. EMPLOYEE, ATTORNEY, OR POLITICAL/BUSINESS CONSULTANT), WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

No.

- B. HAVE ANY OF YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S ASSOCIATES REPRESENTED, IN ANY CAPACITY, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY



CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

No.

- C. DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY COMPENSATION FROM, OR BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ANY ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

- D. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

18. DESCRIBE ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, OTHER THAN IN AN OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT CAPACITY, IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE ENGAGED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PASSAGE, DEFEAT, OR MODIFICATION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF FEDERAL LAW OR PUBLIC POLICY.

None.

#### **PART D - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

19. DESCRIBE ANY EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, FINANCIAL TRANSACTION, INVESTMENT, ASSOCIATION, OR ACTIVITY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEALINGS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF A CLIENT), WHICH COULD CREATE, OR APPEAR TO CREATE, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED.

None.

20. DO YOU INTEND TO SEVER ALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYERS, FIRMS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND/OR PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE? IF NOT, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

Yes.

21. DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE OR PLAN TO MAKE, IF YOU ARE CONFIRMED, IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERANCE FROM YOUR CURRENT POSITION. PLEASE INCLUDE SEVERANCE PAY, PENSION RIGHTS, STOCK OPTIONS, DEFERRED INCOME ARRANGEMENTS, AND ANY AND ALL COMPENSATION THAT WILL OR MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE AS A RESULT OF YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

Please see Part 3 of my submitted OGE Form 278e, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

22. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS TO PURSUE OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, DURING YOUR SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

23. AS FAR AS CAN BE FORESEEN, STATE YOUR PLANS AFTER COMPLETING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. PLEASE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS, WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN, CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AFTER LEAVING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. IN PARTICULAR, DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR OPTIONS TO RETURN TO YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

No understandings to return to current position or for any future employment.

24. IF YOU ARE PRESENTLY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF SUCH SERVICE, HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM A PERSON OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT AN OFFER OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO EMPLOY YOUR SERVICES AFTER YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

N/A

25. IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? IF YES AND THE NATURE OF THIS EMPLOYMENT IS RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER, THE POSITION, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE POSITION HAS BEEN HELD. IF YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IS NOT RELATED TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, PLEASE SO STATE.

Yes. She is currently a United Nations employee (Office of Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA). She has been a senior official at that agency since 2018. She served previously at UNAIDS, another UN agency, from 2011-2018. She served from 1982-2009 as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State.

26. LIST BELOW ALL CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TOWARD WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS OR IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE HELD DIRECTORSHIPS OR OTHER POSITIONS OF TRUST DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

<u>NAME OF ENTITY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES HELD</u>	<u>SELF OR SPOUSE</u>
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27. LIST ALL GIFTS EXCEEDING \$100 IN VALUE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, OR YOUR DEPENDENTS. (NOTE: GIFTS RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES AND GIFTS GIVEN TO YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT NEED NOT BE INCLUDED UNLESS THE GIFT WAS GIVEN WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUIESCENCE AND YOU HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THE GIFT WAS GIVEN BECAUSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL POSITION.)

In my role as President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a global think tank, I had regular professional contact with many officials, and occasionally received holiday gifts or attended an event with them in consultation with Carnegie.

- 2 bottles of wine, holiday gifts from French ambassador
- Holiday baskets from King of Jordan
- 3 bottles of wine, holiday gifts from Georgian ambassador
- Super Bowl group trip, gift from Saudi ambassador
- 2 bottles of wine and holiday baskets, Italian ambassador

28. LIST ALL SECURITIES, REAL PROPERTY, PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS, OR OTHER INVESTMENTS OR RECEIVABLES WITH A CURRENT MARKET VALUE (OR, IF MARKET VALUE IS NOT ASCERTAINABLE, ESTIMATED CURRENT FAIR VALUE) IN EXCESS OF \$1,000. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE A OF THE DISCLOSURE FORMS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CURRENT VALUATIONS ARE USED.)

Please see parts 2, 5, and 6 of my submitted OGE Form 278e, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

29. LIST ALL LOANS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS (INCLUDING ANY CONTINGENT LIABILITIES) IN EXCESS OF \$10,000. EXCLUDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS IT IS RENTED OUT, AND LOANS SECURED BY AUTOMOBILES, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OR APPLIANCES. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE C OF THE DISCLOSURE FORM OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED.)

N/A

30. ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE NOW IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE BEEN IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER BEEN REFUSED CREDIT OR HAD A LOAN APPLICATION DENIED? IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

31. LIST THE SPECIFIC SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF ALL INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING ALL SALARIES, FEES, DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, GIFTS, RENTS, ROYALTIES, PATENTS, HONORARIA, AND OTHER ITEMS EXCEEDING \$200. (COPIES OF U.S. INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THESE YEARS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED HERE, BUT THEIR SUBMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED.)

Please see Exhibit A.

32. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS?

Yes.

33. LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE FILE ANNUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.

State of Maryland, USA.

34. HAVE YOUR FEDERAL OR STATE TAX RETURNS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN AUDIT, INVESTIGATION, OR INQUIRY AT ANY TIME? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

No.

35. IF YOU ARE AN ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE LIST ALL CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM YOU BILLED MORE THAN \$200 WORTH OF SERVICES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ALSO, LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE.

N/A

36. DO YOU INTEND TO PLACE YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS AND THOSE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD IN A BLIND TRUST? IF YES, PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS. IF NO, DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR AVOIDING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

I will follow the recommendations of OGE on these matters, but have no current plans to create a blind trust.

37. IF APPLICABLE, LIST THE LAST THREE YEARS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS YOU HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FILE WITH YOUR AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF THESE REPORTS?

Last three in USG were 2012-2014. Glad to provide copies, if asked.

#### **PART E - ETHICAL MATTERS**

38. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OR CITED FOR A BREACH OF ETHICS OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY, OR BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT TO, ANY COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUP? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

39. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED, HELD, ARRESTED, OR CHARGED BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE, OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, OR NAMED AS A DEFENDANT OR OTHERWISE IN ANY INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH VIOLATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

40. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATION OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

41. ARE YOU PRESENTLY OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PARTY IN INTEREST IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CIVIL LITIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

42. HAVE YOU BEEN INTERVIEWED OR ASKED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AS A WITNESS OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL, OR STATE AGENCY PROCEEDING, GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

43. HAS ANY BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER BEEN A PARTY TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION RELEVANT TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. (WITH RESPECT TO A BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, YOU NEED ONLY CONSIDER PROCEEDINGS AND LITIGATION THAT OCCURRED WHILE YOU WERE AN OFFICER OF THAT BUSINESS.)

No.

44. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

#### **PART F - SECURITY INFORMATION**

45. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR ANY REASON? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL.

No.

46. HAVE YOU BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

No.

47. HAVE YOU EVER REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

No.

## **PART G - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

48. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE CONCEPT OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, CHARACTERIZE WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

I believe congressional oversight is essential to U.S. intelligence activities in general and to the responsibilities of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in particular. The Central Intelligence Agency engages in work that often cannot be shared fully with the public due to its secret or sensitive nature, and the Members of the relevant congressional committees have a critical role in ensuring that the Agency is accountable to the interests of the American people in carrying out its work. Members of these committees have access to classified information that the American people do not have, and thus are serving as their trusted representatives to ensure that the Agency is conducting its activities with wisdom, efficacy and integrity. The Director of the CIA has a responsibility by law to ensure that the Members of the relevant committees are kept fully and currently informed of the Agency's activities so that they can conduct their essential oversight function.

49. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is responsible for ensuring that U.S. policymakers have access to the best intelligence to inform their decision making in order to protect the American people and advance U.S. interests. The Director must lead the CIA workforce to pursue advanced collection capabilities, thorough analyses, productive foreign partnerships and covert action. In addition, the Director must strengthen, support, and protect the CIA workforce, including by prioritizing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

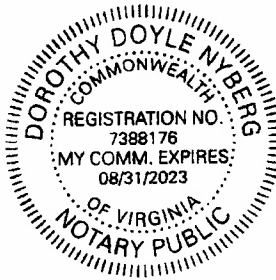


**AFFIRMATION**

I, **WILLIAM JOSEPH BURNS**, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

9 Feb. 2021  
(Date)

**SIGNATURE OF WILLIAM BURNS**



**SIGNATURE OF NOTARY**

" I was commissioned as  
Dorothy Doyle Nyberg "

TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

In connection with my nomination to be the Director of Central Intelligence Agency, I hereby express my willingness to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

**SIGNATURE OF WILLIAM BURNS**

Date: 9 Feb. 2021

**EXHIBIT A**

**INFORMATION REDACTED**

**EXHIBIT B**

**Response to Question 31**

**INFORMATION REDACTED**