

**Senate Committee On Foreign Relations**  
**Chairman Senator Richard G. Lugar**  
**Opening Statement for Nomination Hearing on**  
**Anne W. Patterson and James B. Cunningham**  
**June 17, 2004**

The Committee meets today to consider several key diplomatic nominations. In our first segment we will discuss the nominations of Ambassador Anne Patterson and Ambassador James Cunningham.

After considering these two nominations, the Committee will take a five minute recess before reconvening to consider the nomination of John Danforth to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. The Committee looks forward to our discussions with each of our distinguished nominees.

If confirmed by the Senate as the U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Patterson would serve as the second ranking of five U.S. Ambassadors in our Mission to the United Nations. While five might seem to be a large number, the quantity is indicative of the complexities of the U.S. operation in New York. It also serves notice to other nations that the United States takes seriously the role that the United Nations can play in effectively addressing international issues.

In addition to handling many diplomatic duties, the Deputy Representative serves as the focal point for the management of almost 150 U.S. diplomatic personnel. These management duties have policy consequences. We must ensure that our personnel in New York effectively coordinate their efforts and reflect the policy course of the President and the Secretary of State.

I have no doubt that Ambassador Patterson possesses the necessary managerial skills to take on this mission. Her current assignment as the State Department's Deputy Inspector General has put her at the heart of the management of the entire Department. Prior to her work in this position, she served brilliantly as our Ambassador to Colombia – one of our most challenging and dangerous assignments. Her ability to administer the multitude of interagency issues, personnel, and budgets, while at the same time acting as our point person in the war on narcotics, demonstrated her superb abilities. She also provided Congress with excellent updates on the progress of our efforts in Colombia. This close cooperation with Congress was equally evident and appreciated during her Ambassadorship to El Salvador from 1997 to 2000, as that nation struggled to recover from years of civil war.

Ambassador Patterson is extraordinarily well qualified to be our Deputy Representative at the United Nations, and I look forward to moving her nomination as expeditiously as possible.

Our second nominee is Ambassador James Cunningham who is currently our Deputy Representative to the United Nations. The President has nominated him to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

If confirmed, Ambassador Cunningham would take his seat at the IAEA at a critical time for U.S. non-proliferation objectives – particularly in light of activities by Iran and North Korea. President Bush has put forward important proposals to strengthen the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT). The President has proposed: 1) closing the loopholes that exist in the IAEA's ability to verify compliance with safeguards obligations through Additional Protocols; 2) freezing for one-year any

transfers of enrichment and reprocessing technology to states not already in possession of functioning fuel cycles; and 3) suspending the voting rights of Member States on the Board of Governors during periods when they are under investigation. The essence of these proposals is that access to peaceful nuclear technology is conditioned on responsible, verifiable behavior.

Responses from Vienna and our allies have varied, but consensus in favor of the President's proposals is growing, as evidenced by the important endorsement of the G-8 at the Sea Island summit.

I look forward to hearing how Ambassador Cunningham will implement the President's agenda. Specifically, we need to fully understand the nominee's plans for working with the Director General of the IAEA to ensure the success of U.S. proposals.

Ambassador Cunningham has extensive experience in matters similar to those he will deal with in Vienna. He has spent much of his career working on European and security affairs, first as Deputy Chief of Staff to NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner and then in several positions at the State Department. He also has long experience in New York, working at the Security Council during these last critical years.

We are pleased that he is applying his substantial abilities to this important challenge, and we look forward to working closely with him on non-proliferation policy.

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