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George P. Kent currently serves as Senior Anti-Corruption Coordinator in the European Bureau. The European Bureau is prioritizing the fight against corruption as a strategic component of the vision of a Europe whole, free, and at peace. Mr. Kent leads development and advocacy of anti-corruption messages across Europe and Eurasia, and will work with posts to establish country-specific action plans and enhance interagency cooperation on both capacity building assistance and law enforcement action.

A Senior Foreign Service officer, Mr. Kent most recently served as Director for the Office of Europe and Asia programming in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL/EA), overseeing \$200 million in annual programming for the rule of law, law enforcement, and judicial system capacity building in the Balkans, Eurasia, parts of South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

Mr. Kent's assignments since joining the foreign service in 1992 have spanned Central Europe, Central Asia, and East Asia. Mr. Kent was posted in Kyiv, Ukraine as the deputy Political Counselor during the time of Ukraine's "Orange Revolution" (2004-07). In Warsaw, Poland, he served as an economics officer in charge of trade issues, the environment, and counter-narcotics (1995-97).

Other assignments include: Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand; Political-Military officer at Embassy Bangkok; Thai desk officer; Watch Officer in the Operations Center; and Consular/General Services Officer in the then newly established U.S. Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Mr. Kent holds an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF Distinguished Graduate, 2012); an M.A. from Johns Hopkins' SAIS (School for Advanced International Studies) in American Foreign Policy and International Economics (1992, honor graduate), and an A.B., *summa cum laude*, from Harvard College in Russian History and Literature (1989). He also studied for a year at Edinburgh University, Scotland, on a Rotary Scholarship. He is married; he and his wife Velida have three children. Mr. Kent speaks Russian, Thai, Polish, and some Ukrainian, Italian, and German. He is a Kirby Simon Fund Trustee and a proud member of Red Sox Nation.