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John Caulfield arrived in Cuba on September 12, 2011 to assume his new responsibilities as the Chief of Mission of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. Mr. Caulfield is a career foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department and will serve a three-year tour. He is joined by his wife Nancy. Mr. Caulfield's complete biographical information follows.

Describing his diplomatic mandate, Mr. Caulfield stated: "It is an honor for me to serve President Obama and the American people in Havana. The United States and Cuba share a long and complex history. I am looking forward to getting to know Cuba and the Cuban people while advancing U.S. interests here."

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Mr. John Caulfield is the Chief of Mission of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, Cuba. Prior to assuming his position in September 2011, Mr. Caulfield served as Chargé d' Affaires at the American Embassy in Caracas since July 2010. Prior to Caracas Mr. Caulfield was Consul General at the American Embassy in London. From 2002 to 2005 he was Deputy Chief of Mission at American Embassy in Lima, Peru.

In a career spanning more than 30 years, Mr. Caulfield has held a variety of positions dealing with Latin America and Consular Affairs. He served as American Consul General in Manila, Philippines, and as Consul in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. He has also directed the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs for the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs. Earlier in his career, he served in Washington as Country Affairs Officer for Argentina and Brazil, and overseas in Colombia, the United Kingdom, Portugal and Brazil.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Caulfield graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a degree in International Relations and Latin American Studies.