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During more than thirty years as a career diplomat, Ambassador Kaeuper undertook assignments in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Washington D.C., which included political, economic, and multilateral responsibilities. Especially well versed in Africa, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), as the Director of the Office of African Analysis in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Political Counselor in Nigeria, Deputy Chief of Mission in Gabon, and Deputy Director in the Office of East African Affairs. Since retiring in 2003, Ambassador Kaeuper has continued to work on African affairs as the International Coordinator for the Congo Basin Forest Partnership and as Charge d'Affaires at United States embassies for varying periods of time -- in Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea, Guinea Conakry, and Togo.

Ambassador Kaeuper was born and raised in Indiana. He received a B.A. from De Pauw University, an M.A. from the University of Hawaii where he was the recipient of an East West Center grant, and undertook further graduate studies at the University of Michigan before joining the Foreign Service. He is married, has a son and two grandchildren. He also enjoys woodworking, gardening, and classical music.