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Diplomacy: Ancient Insight and Modern Strategy (with a particular focus on U.S. interests in the Arabian Peninsula)

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A career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Misenheimer became Director of the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR/NESA) in July 2012. His office provides State Department policymakers with intelligence support and analysis, as well as liaison with the broader U.S. intelligence community, relating to North Africa, the Persian Gulf, Israel and the Levant, Afghanistan and the Indian Subcontinent.

His 28-year State Department career has focused primarily on U.S. policy in the Middle East, including assignments as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassies in Kuwait (2007-09) and Yemen (2002-04). Other assignments include temporary duty as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs; a year as Director of the Office of Iran Affairs; three years as Country Director for Arabian Peninsula Affairs; three years working multilateral issues in the UN Security Council; two eventful years as Desk Officer for Iraq (1990-92); service at the U.S. Embassies in Amman, Cairo, Rabat and Tunis; and a year in the State Department Operations Center. He is the recipient of five State Department Superior Honor Awards and four Meritorious Honor Awards, as well as the Defense Department's Civilian Achievement Award. Mr. Misenheimer spent 2009-10 in Iraq, serving as Political Advisor to the Commanding General, Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I); and subsequently as the U.S. Ambassador's Senior Advisor on Arab-Kurd issues, based in Kirkuk.

After returning from Iraq, he spent two years (2010-12) on the faculty of the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC. His teaching duties centered on strategy and statecraft, international relations theory, and U.S. policy in the Levant and in the Arabian peninsula.

Prior to joining State, Mr. Misenheimer served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Middle Atlas Mountains of Morocco.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Misenheimer holds a BA (Classics/Political Science) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; a MSFS (International Economics/Arabic) from Georgetown University; and a Graduate Certificate (National Security Strategy) from the National War College.

He had the good fortune to meet Ana Maria Silva, his wife of 27 years, during service at the U.S. Embassy in London early in his career. They have two children, Sofia and Alexandre

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