

Robert Murphy was a career foreign service officer who rose to the rank of Ambassador and Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. He was born in Milwaukee and educated at Marquette and George Washington University, where he received both LLB and LLM. He has received honorary degrees from Marquette University, Notre Dame, Harvard, New York University, and many others. He began his career with service in Switzerland, followed by other overseas assignments until he was detailed by President Roosevelt to French North Africa during the Second World War, was appointed the President's personal representative, and served as chief civil affairs officer on the African Headquarters staff of the Supreme Commander, General Eisenhower. He served in an advisory capacity throughout the War, served as Ambassador to Belgium and Japan, and as Assistant Secretary for U.N. Affairs before reaching the level of Under Secretary for Political Affairs. Upon retirement he became Chairman of Corning Glass and Director of several corporations and organizations. In his most recent service to the government, he was Chairman of the Congressionally established Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy. He is married and has two children.