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Biography

Biography

Douglas H. Paal is a former U.S. intelligence officer, diplomat, business executive and policy advocate regarding China and Asia.

Paal received a B.A. and an M.A. at Brown University in 1970 in Chinese studies and Asian history. He then was awarded a Ph.D. from Harvard University in History and East Asian languages. He has done further studies at Stanford University. Paal is fluent in Mandarin and Japanese.

Paal served with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and Japan, where he studied the Japanese language. After leaving the military, Paal worked as a senior analyst and Deputy National Intelligence Officer for the Central Intelligence Agency, 1976-1982.

Paal then joined the Department of State's Policy Planning Staff and served briefly in the U.S. Embassies in Singapore, 1982-1984 and Beijing.

Paal was detailed to the National Security Council in 1986. Mr. Paal remained with the National Security Council until 1993, as director of Asian Affairs, senior director, and rising to the position of Senior Director for Asian Affairs and Special Assistant to former President George H.W. Bush.

After leaving government in 1993, Mr. Paal formed the Asia Pacific Policy Center, a non-profit educational institution offering brief publications on issues of interest regarding the United States and Asia as well as co-hosting international conferences. Separately, Mr. Paal performed consulting services for a number of American firms.

Paal was appointed to be the Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Taipei in 2002. The AIT is the unofficial U.S. "embassy" for Taiwan, and the Director is appointed by the Secretary of State, Colin Powell at the time. There was some controversy over Paal's appointment and possible abuse of the non-profit status of the Asia Pacific Policy Center and its near-lobbying for many "clients." However, his appointment stood and he served in Taipei from July 2002 to January 2006.

Returning to the United States and private financial management, Paal served as Vice Chairman of JPMorgan Chase International from 2006 to 2008

Paal then joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as Vice President for Studies, concentrating on Asian affairs. He is currently a non-resident scholar for the Carnegie Endowment.

From 2009 to 2017, Paal was on The Asia Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Paal has written and spoken widely on U.S. policy in Asia and Asian affairs, his articles and interviews being published and broadcast by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *South China Morning Post*, *The National Interest*, *Korea Times*, *The Washington Times*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *RIA Novosti*, *World Politics Review*, C-SPAN, BBC, PBS, and CCTV. He has also published numerous commentaries and policy papers through the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Paal resides with his wife, Betsy A. Fitzgerald, in Bethesda, Maryland. They have two daughters, Alice, who served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mauritania, and Victoria, a lawyer in San Francisco.

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OPEN	Micronesia Freely Associated States (12/23/1986-January 1987)
OPEN	Micronesia Freely Associated States (February 1987-05/15/1987)
OPEN	Micronesia Freely Associated States (05/16/1987-November 1987)
OPEN	Micronesia Freely Associated States (12/01/1987-12/15/1987)
OPEN	Micronesia Freely Associated States (12/16/1987-01/20/1988)
OPEN	IGWG (Interagency Working Group) [on] Freely Associated States Affairs (July 1987-May 1988)
OPEN	Mongolia (11/19/1986-04/20/1987)
OPEN	Mongolia (04/21/1987-07/08/1987)
OPEN	Mongolia (07/09/1987-11/25/1988)
CLOSED	Nauru
CLOSED	New Caledonia (01/17/1987-09/30/1987)
CLOSED	New Caledonia (10/01/1987-04/25/1988)
CLOSED	New Zealand (07/01/1986-02/26/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (02/27/1987-03/29/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (03/30/1987-04/13/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (04/14/1987-05/31/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (06/01/1987-09/03/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (09/04/1987-10/19/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (10/20/1987-11/07/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand (11/08/1987-03/16/1988)
CLOSED	New Zealand - Bio's
CLOSED	New Zealand - Domestic Policy
CLOSED	New Zealand - Economic Policy
CLOSED	New Zealand - Foreign Policy (12/24/1986-03/10/1988)

Status	Title
CLOSED	New Zealand – Foreign Policy (03/11/1988-06/23/1988)
CLOSED	New Zealand – Foreign Policy (06/24/1988-11/03/1988)
CLOSED	New Zealand – IG
CLOSED	New Zealand – Military Policy
CLOSED	New Zealand – NSDD No. 193 U.S. Policy on the New Zealand Port Access Issue (Sys II 90414)
CLOSED	New Zealand – U.S. Relations (09/04/1987-09/20/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand – U.S. Relations (09/21/1987)
CLOSED	New Zealand – U.S. Relations (09/22/1987-01/04/1988)
CLOSED	New Zealand – U.S. Relations (01/05/1988-10/06/1988)
CLOSED	NIUE
OPEN	Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of
OPEN	Oceania
OPEN	Pacific Islands (1984-January 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (February 1987-March 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (April 1987-May 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (June 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (July 1987-September 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (October 1987-December 1987)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (January 1988)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (February-August 1988)
OPEN	Pacific Islands (September 1988-October 1988)
CLOSED	Pacific Islands (December 1988)
OPEN	Trust Territory of Pacific Islands
OPEN	Palau (December 1986-August 1987)
OPEN	Palau (September 1987) (1)(2)
OPEN	Palau (October 1987-December 1987)
OPEN	Palau (January-September 1988)
OPEN	Palau (October 1988)
CLOSED	Papua New Guinea (Undated)
CLOSED	Papua New Guinea (07/31/1984-05/19/1987)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Papua New Guinea (05/20/1987-10/19/1987)
CLOSED	Papua New Guinea (10/20/1987-07/04/1988)
CLOSED	Philippines
CLOSED	Singapore
CLOSED	Solomon Islands (10/01/1981-04/09/1987)
CLOSED	Solomon Islands (04/10/1987)
CLOSED	Solomon Islands (04/11/1987-05/18/1988)
CLOSED	South Pacific – Soviet Influence and Fisheries
OPEN	SPNFZ (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone) (09/04/1985-08/15/1986)
OPEN	SPNFZ (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone) (08/16/1986-12/31/1986)
OPEN	SPNFZ (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone) (01/01/1987-01/30/1987)
OPEN	SPNFZ (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone) (01/31/1987-06/09/1987)
CLOSED	SPNFZ (South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone) (06/10/1987-07/03/1987)
CLOSED	Soviet Forces

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (03/26/1987-07/31/1987)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (08/01/1987-10/25/1987)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (10/26/1987-11/22/1987)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (11/23/1987-12/14/1987)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (12/15/1987-03/04/1988)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (03/05/1988-04/13/1988)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (04/14/1988-05/10/1988)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (05/11/1988-05/31/1988)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (06/01/1988-12/30/1988)
CLOSED	Speeches – Classified Material (12/31/1988)

Status	Title
OPEN	Taiwan
OPEN	Taiwan (12/13/1985-01/15/1977)
OPEN	Taiwan (01/16/1987-06/08/1977)
OPEN	Taiwan (06/09/1987-06/25/1977)
OPEN	Taiwan – A.I.T. (American Institute of Taiwan)
OPEN	Taiwan – Asian Development Bank
CLOSED	Taiwan – Biographies (Chang Chi-Cheng – Hsia Tien)
CLOSED	Taiwan – Biographies (Kuo Yun – Yü Kuo-hua)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (Undated)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (04/25/1985-04/30/1986)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (05/01/1986-01/12/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (01/13/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (01/14/1988-01/22/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (01/23/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Chiang-kuo Funeral Arrangements (01/24/1988-03/04/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (01/07/1987-02/16/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (02/17/1987-05/31/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (06/01/1987-06/18/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (06/19/1987-08/11/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (08/12/1987-10/15/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (10/16/1987-12/23/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (12/24/1987-01/19/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (01/20/1988-02/07/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (02/08/1988-03/28/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (03/29/1988-05/03/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (05/04/1988-07/10/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (07/11/1988)

Status	Title
OPEN	Taiwan – Domestic Policy (07/12/1988-11/07/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (01/22/1987-05/20/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (05/21/1987-06/24/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (06/25/1987-06/30/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (July 1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (07/01/1987-07/08/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (07/09/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (07/10/1987-08/06/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (08/07/1987-01/05/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (01/06/1988-03/02/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Economic Policy (03/03/1988-06/24/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Foreign Policy 1987 (1)(2)
OPEN	Taiwan – Foreign Policy, 1988
CLOSED	Taiwan – Frigate (Undated) (1)(2)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (04/16/1986-11/17/1986)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (11/18/1986) (1)(2)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (11/25/1986) (1)(2)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (11/26/1986-12/08/1986)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (12/09/1986) (1)(2)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (12/10/1986-12/30/1986)
OPEN	Taiwan – Frigate (12/31/1986) (1)(2)
CLOSED	Taiwan – Frigate (01/01/1987-02/15/1987)
CLOSED	Taiwan – Frigate (02/16/1987-04/10/1987)
CLOSED	Taiwan – Frigate (04/11/1987-08/04/1987)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Taiwan – Henry Liu Case
OPEN	Taiwan – I.D.F.
OPEN	Taiwan - Intelligence

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Status	Title
OPEN	Taiwan – Lee Teng-hui, President
OPEN	Taiwan – Legislation

Status	Title
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (Undated)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (01/20/1987-03/20/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (03/21/1987-10/31/1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (November 1987)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (12/01/1987-02/28/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (02/29/1988-03/21/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (03/22/1988-05/01/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (05/02/1988-07/27/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (07/28/1988-12/30/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Military (12/31/1988)
OPEN	Taiwan – Nuclear
OPEN	Taiwan – Political
OPEN	Taiwan – Tech Transfer
OPEN	Taiwan – Travel Guidelines
OPEN	Taiwan – U.S. (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Taiwan – U.S. Presidential Correspondence, David Laux [copies] (April 1986-May 1986)
CLOSED	Tibet
CLOSED	Tonga (01/29/1985-04/26/1987)
CLOSED	Tonga (04/27/1987-11/04/1987)
CLOSED	Tonga (11/05/1987-05/17/1988)
CLOSED	Tonga (05/18/1988-07/18/1988)
CLOSED	Tower Report
CLOSED	Transition Preparation
CLOSED	Tuvalu
CLOSED	Vanuatu (09/06/1983-01/08/1987)
CLOSED	Vanuatu (01/09/1987-03/04/1987)
CLOSED	Vanuatu (03/05/1987-04/30/1987)
CLOSED	Vanuatu (05/01/1987-06/12/1987)
CLOSED	Vanuatu (06/13/1987-10/22/1987)
CLOSED	Vanuatu (10/23/1987-05/06/1988)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Vanuatu (05/07/1988-12/19/1988)
CLOSED	Vanuatu - Bio's
CLOSED	Western Samoa (Undated)
CLOSED	Western Samoa (08/25/1986-06/24/1987)
CLOSED	Western Samoa (06/25/1987-05/20/1988)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron (11/01/1986-12/15/1986)
CLOSED	Chron (12/16/1986-12/30/1986)
CLOSED	Chron (12/31/1986) (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Chron (01/01/1987-01/13/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (01/14/1987) (1)(2)
CLOSED	Chron (01/15/1987-01/21/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (01/22/1987-01/29/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (01/30/1987-02/01/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/02/1987-02/04/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/05/1987-02/11/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/12/1987-02/16/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/17/1987-02/23/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/24/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (02/25/1987-02/28/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (03/01/1987-03/15/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (03/16/1987-03/17/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (03/18/1987-03/25/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (03/26/1987-04/01/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (04/02/1987-04/15/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (04/16/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (04/17/1987-04/30/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (05/01/1987-05/12/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (05/13/1987-05/26/1987)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron (05/27/1987-05/31/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (06/01/1987-06/08/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (06/09/1987-06/17/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (06/18/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (06/19/1987-06/24/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (06/25/1987-06/30/1987)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron (07/01/1987-07/12/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (07/13/1987-07/23/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (07/24/1987-07/26/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (07/27/1987-08/19/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (08/20/1987-09/10/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (09/11/1987-09/18/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (09/19/1987-09/21/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (09/22/1987-09/29/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (09/30/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (10/01/1987-10/08/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (10/09/1987-10/21/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (10/22/1987-11/15/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (11/16/1987-11/19/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (11/20/1987-12/03/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (12/04/1987-12/14/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (12/15/1987-12/21/1987)
CLOSED	Chron (12/22/1987-01/12/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (01/13/1988-01/18/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (01/19/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (01/20/1988-02/10/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (02/11/1988-02/25/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (02/26/1988-02/29/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (03/01/1988-03/03/1988)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Chron (03/04/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (03/05/1988-03/15/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (03/16/1988-04/04/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (04/05/1988-04/07/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (04/08/1988-04/14/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (04/15/1988-05/05/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (05/06/1988-05/10/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (05/11/1988-05/15/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (05/16/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (05/17/1988-05/19/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (05/20/1988-06/13/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (06/14/1988-06/20/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (06/21/1988-06/26/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (06/27/1988-07/04/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (07/05/1988-07/07/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (07/08/1988-07/27/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (07/28/1988-08/01/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (08/02/1988-08/16/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (08/17/1988-09/11/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (09/12/1988-09/19/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (09/20/1988-09/27/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (09/28/1988-10/03/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (10/04/1988-10/10/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (10/11/1988-10/30/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (10/31/1988-11/29/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (11/30/1988-12/11/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (12/12/1988-12/15/1988)
CLOSED	Chron (12/16/1988-12/31/1988)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (01/01/1985-03/31/1985)

Status	Title
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (04/01/1985-06/30/1985)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (07/01/1985-09/30/1985)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (10/01/1985-12/31/1985)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (01/01/1986-03/31/1986)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (04/01/1986-06/30/1986)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (07/01/1986-09/30/1986)
CLOSED	[Appointment Calendar 1985-1986] (10/01/1986-12/31/1986)
CLOSED	Weekly-Minder Appointment Book 1986 (12/30/1985-07/02/1986)
CLOSED	Weekly-Minder Appointment Book 1986 (07/03/1986-01/04/1987)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Ambassador Walters' Trip to South Pacific April 1987-May 1987 (03/05/1987-04/30/1987)
CLOSED	Ambassador Walters' Trip to South Pacific April 1987-May 1987 (05/01/1987-02/24/1988)
CLOSED	Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Port Moresby, Honiara, Port Vila, Apia, Tonga, Suva04/19/1987-05/05/1987
OPEN	President Carter Trip to China July 1987
CLOSED	New York City - 10/05/1987-10/06/1987
CLOSED	Antarctic Trip - 11/10/1987-11/25/1987 (Trip Was Cancelled)
CLOSED	New Orleans - USA/ROC Economic Council Conference - 11/21/1987-11/23/1987

Status	Title
CLOSED	Weinberger Trip – Presidential Delegation to Australia Bicentennial – 03/14/1988-03/22/1988
CLOSED	New York City – 04/11/1988
CLOSED	New York City – 05/12/1988
OPEN	Asia Trip – Paal and Shultz – People’s Republic of China (PRC), Korea, Japan, Marshall Islands – 07/10/1988- 07/25/1988
CLOSED	Files in Storage (David Laux)
CLOSED	List of All Files and Those Retired by This Office, Since April 1987