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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Nathaniel Davis (1925 – 2011), American diplomat. Received his degree from Brown University in 1944, the same year he obtained his commission as an ensign in the Navy. He served on the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain until 1946. A year later, earned a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He briefly taught at Fletcher, where he obtained a doctorate in 1960. Davis joined the Foreign Service in 1947. After serving in Prague, Florence, Rome, and Moscow, he became a Soviet desk officer for the State Department in 1957. In 1959, he was an escort officer for Nikita Khrushchev when the Soviet leader toured the U.S. From 1962 to 1965, was a special assistant to Peace Corps director Sargent Shriver and later was a deputy director; in 1965 he left the agency to take the post of U.S. envoy to Bulgaria. In 1968 - U.S. ambassador to Guatemala, served as ambassador during a violent period in that Central American republic before moving on to another delicate assignment, in Chile. In 1975 assistant - secretary of State for African affairs under Kissinger,

resigned after four months because of differences with Kissinger and President Ford over covert military operations in Angola. His last foreign posting was as ambassador to Switzerland from 1975 to 1977. From 1977 to 1983, he taught at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

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Summary

Carbon copy of Davis's doctoral dissertation (550 p.) for the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, entitled "Religion and Communist Government in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe" (1960).

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