



With best  
regards to  
my father,  
Arthur Hartman,  
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## **Arthur A. Hartman, Distinguished Diplomat**

Eighteen-year-old Arthur A. Hartman enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944 near the end of World War II. As a radio operator, he flew several missions over “The Hump”—the Himalaya mountains—in the China–Burma–India theater of operations and on new routes between Hawaii and Japan, Canton, Manila, Nanking, and Wake Island. He left the service as a corporal in 1946, graduated from Harvard, and then embarked on what would prove to be a distinguished career as a foreign service officer. The highlight of his decades-long service came in the Reagan Administration, which he served for over five years as the US ambassador to the Soviet Union in Moscow. In 1987, Hartman retired from public service at the level of career ambassador, the highest rank in the US Foreign Service. He now advises corporate executives on foreign business development.