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Stephan Helgesen
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Dear Stephan,

Congratulations on this great effort. It is time we celebrate the good work of our thousands of Foreign Service Officers around the world, and you have now made their good work more accessible to everyone. I know from my own experience as Ambassador to Singapore in 1997-2001 the exceptional work that is done by so many dedicated official Americans in our foreign missions. They are part of a continuum of friendship and outreach begun long ago, and one that goes on today everywhere the American flag flies.

I am proud of the work our embassy in Singapore did during some very challenging times and am pleased you have chosen to honor those efforts by bringing an article about one I am particularly proud of on your site.

The work of the Foreign Service is never done, whether here or abroad, and that's why I hope that *Citizen Diplomats* will bring back many former officers to serve as mentors for America's next generation of leaders. Again, my heartiest congratulations.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Green', with several horizontal lines extending from the end of the signature.

Ambassador Steven Green