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Robert Boggs joined the NESAC Center in August 2008, after serving 32 years in the State Department as political officer and all-source intelligence analyst. During his career he became one of the State Department's most experienced specialists in South Asia, having served in India (nine years), Sri Lanka and Nepal. In New Delhi he headed the embassy's Political Section and in Calcutta the U.S. Consulate General. In Washington he served as Pakistan desk officer and as director of the Office of South Asian Regional Affairs. His last overseas assignment was as Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu, where he managed a diplomatic mission comprising 114 Americans from six U.S. agencies, over 500 foreign employees, and 103 Peace Corps volunteers. During almost four years in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, he was State's political analyst for Pakistan and Bangladesh. He also has worked overseas or in Washington on Egypt, Central Africa and Haiti.

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