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U.S. Department of State Director of the Office of Andean Affairs visits Bolivia

The Director of the Office of Andean Affairs of the U.S. Department of State Philip French is in Bolivia for an orientation visit and to gather first-hand information about some of the bilateral cooperation programs.

During his three-day visit, Mr. French will meet with government authorities as well as with political, entrepreneurial, and public opinion leaders, in order to learn their perspectives on the current political, economic, and social situation of the country. He will also visit some cooperation projects of the United States Government in the areas of integrated justice and the development of economic opportunities.

A 25-year career Foreign Service officer who has served in consular, political and administrative positions in Latin America, Asia and Europe, Philip French is currently assigned to the Department of State as Director of the Office of Andean Affairs, covering Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. A consular officer, Mr. French has spent most of his career in Latin America, with postings in Caracas, Monterrey, Bogota and Grenada, West Indies. His most recent posting was as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Salvador, El Salvador.

Born in Champaign, Illinois, Mr. French received his primary and secondary education in the Philippines, where he spent 14 years of his childhood until he graduated from the International School in Manila in 1974. Mr. French obtained a B.A. in Political Science and Administrative Studies from the University of California in Riverside in 1978. He spent the 1996-97 academic year as diplomat in residence at Yale University. He is married and has one daughter.

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