

Mark Baxter Lambert

Mark Lambert is Special Envoy for North Korean Affairs. Previously, he was Director of the Office of Korean Affairs where he managed a 17 person team addressing U.S. relations with the Republic of Korea and with the DPRK. For over a year, his team shaped the President's Global Pressure Campaign that compelled North Korea to return to negotiations aimed at denuclearization.

From 2012-2015 he was Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi where he led a team that won recognition for dramatically improving U.S. relations with the Vietnamese Communist Party and Government that culminated in the first ever meeting of the Secretary General of the Communist Party of Vietnam with the President in the Oval Office.

He served twice in Beijing, most recently as Chief of the Political Unit that managed U.S. political military affairs with China, supported the Six Party Talks aimed at North Korea denuclearization, and monitored China's relations with Japan, the DPRK, and South Korea. Previously, he was human rights officer for China where he was named the State Department's human rights officer of the year.

He has served as Political Military officer in Bangkok and in Tokyo and covered global environmental issues on the State Department's Japan Desk. While attached to the United Nations, he was a weapons inspector in Iraq. His first tour was in Bogota, Colombia during the era of Pablo Escobar.

He has received awards for his work bringing the United States and Vietnam closer together, for his voluntary efforts responding to the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, for helping to shape the U.S. response to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, and for his work helping to resolve the 2001 EP-3 crisis involving a U.S. naval aircraft forced down on China's Hainan Island.

He has studied Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, and Spanish. He has been a member of the same fantasy baseball league for twenty years. He is married to Laura Stone; they have two daughters.