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CHASE UNTERMAYER has been an international business consultant since returning in 2007 from Qatar, where he served three years as United States ambassador on appointment of President George W. Bush. Ambassador Untermeyer has held both elected and appointed office at all four levels of government - local, state, national, and international - over a 40- year period, with work in journalism, academia, and business as well.

He is a 1968 graduate of Harvard College with honors in government. During the Vietnam War he served as an officer in the United States Navy aboard a destroyer in the Western Pacific and as aide to the commander of US naval forces in the Philippines. Upon his return to Texas, Ambassador Untermeyer was a political reporter for the Houston Chronicle for three years before becoming executive assistant to the county judge (chief administrative official) of Harris County, Texas, the jurisdiction surrounding Houston. In 1976, he was elected to the first of two terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

He left the Legislature in 1981 to go to Washington as executive assistant to then-Vice President Bush. Three years later, President Reagan appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower & Reserve Affairs. When George Bush became president in 1989, Mr Untermeyer returned to the White House as Director of Presidential Personnel, responsible for advising the President on his appointments to federal office. In 1991, President Bush appointed him Director of the Voice of America, the overseas broadcasting arm of the US government, where he served until the end of the Administration in 1993. Back in Houston, he was director of public affairs for Compaq Computer Corporation (since merged with Hewlett Packard) and vice president for government affairs and professor of public policy at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Ambassador Untermeyer is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is currently chairman of the Texas Ethics Commission. He also chairs the advisory board of The Soufan Group, which provides strategic security intelligence services to governments and multinational organizations. In previous part-time public service, he has been member and chairman of the Board of Visitors of the US Naval Academy, a commissioner of the Port of Houston, president of the Houston READ Commission, a member of the board of National Public Radio, member of the Defense Health Board, a founding member of the board of the Episcopal Health Foundation, and chairman of the Texas State Board of Education, appointed by then-Governor George W. Bush. He is married to the former Diana Cumming Kendrick of Sheridan, Wyoming, whom he met when they were both on the White House staff. Their daughter, Elly, is a student at Stanford University.

Texas A&M University Press has published three volumes of Ambassador Untermeyer's memoirs of the Reagan and first Bush administrations: When Things Went Right (2013), Inside Reagan's Navy (2015), and Zenith (2016). Bright Sky Press has published his How Important People Act: Behaving Yourself in Public (2015).

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