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John "Phil" Colton
RETIRED DIPLOMAT

John P. (Phil) Colton, although retired, continues to be active in energy-related activities by participating as a member of the Governor of Utah's energy council. Immediately following his retirement in 2000, Colton served as a mission president in Cambodia, which included Vietnam, Laos, and Burma. As a UN and U.S. State Department employee, he has had the chance to visit 120 countries and have contact with thousands of engineers, scientists, and diplomats. His career with the government and the UN includes positions as senior scientist at the U.S. State Department, senior officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency, U.S. Atomic Energy Agency, and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 2005, the IAEA director general and staff were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to bring peace to the world. Due to his thirteen years of service with the IAEA, was one of the staff members who shared in the Nobel Peace Prize award and who donated their shares to humanitarian efforts in Africa. Prior to that, he worked in the private nuclear fuels industry in Idaho Falls, Idaho, St. Louis, Missouri, and New

Haven, Connecticut, where nuclear fuels were manufactured for research reactors, power reactors, and Navy nuclear fuels. Colton also had an exemplary career as a U.S. Army Reserve officer for thirty-seven years, serving multiple times on active duty—the last being Desert Storm in 1991, after which he retired as a colonel. He attended the University of Utah for two years before serving in the West German Mission. Returning home, he finished his studies in metallurgical engineering. Graduate work was completed at University of Idaho, University of Missouri, and MIT. Born and raised in Vernal, Utah, he grew up working on the family ranch. Colton and his wife, Barbara (Bobby) Snyder, whom he met at the "U" and married in 1962, reside in Sandy, Utah. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Both he and his wife act as hosts and advisors for the International Law and Religion Symposium held at the BYU Law Center each October. Colton currently serves Brigham Young University as an advisor to the College of Physical and Mathematical Science Volunteer Leadership Council.