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BIOGRAPHY

David Welch is President, International and Government Affairs. He was elected Senior Vice President in 2010.

Ambassador Welch is a former American diplomat who served as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs in the U.S. Department of State from 2005 through 2008, Ambassador to Egypt 2001–2005, and Assistant Secretary for International Organizations 1998–2001.

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