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During prior service at the State Department, he helped stand up the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance. In that role, he supported the U.S. response to the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China. He also managed several State Department appropriations, including the Economic Support Fund and Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia funding.

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