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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central Asia George Krol to visit the Kyrgyz Republic

George Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central Asia and Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, is visiting the Kyrgyz Republic from June 19 - 22, 2008. This is his first visit to Central Asia in his capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary. During his visit, he will meet with high-level Kyrgyz officials on a range of bilateral issues, including ongoing cooperation and assistance in regional security, promoting rule of law, strengthening the economic partnership between the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan, and promoting good governance. He will also be the keynote speaker at a conference, to be held Friday morning at the Hyatt, "Doing Business with the U.S.A.," which showcases opportunities for Kyrgyz companies to do business with U.S. trading partners.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Krol said that he looks forward to productive meetings. In response to rumors and news reports that he is here to discuss expansion of the base, he said, "Those reports are patently false. The U.S. government has no plans to expand the territory of Manas Air Base." He said that recent news reports included other inaccuracies, such as the false report that the Deputy Commander of Central Command is accompanying him on his visit to the Kyrgyz Republic. No one from Central Command is accompanying the Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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