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## Francis Russell, 84, U.S. Envoy to 3 Lands

Francis Henry Russell, a former United States Ambassador, died of a heart attack Friday at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was 84 years old.

From 1957 to 1969, Mr. Russell served successively as the American Ambassador to New Zealand, Ghana and Tunisia. Before that he was a special assistant for Israeli-Arab relations under Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. In 1953-54, he served as charge d'affaires in the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Russell directed the Public Affairs Office of the State Department from 1945 to 1952. In World War II, he headed the department's Division of World Trade Intelligence, part of the American program of economic warfare. He was on the staff at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945.

Before joining the State Department, Mr. Russell practiced law in Boston. Born in Cambridge, Mass., he graduated from Tufts University and Harvard Law School. When he retired from the State Department in 1969, he became Ambassador-in-Residence at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where he lectured for six years.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Dr. Alene Russell Hochschild of San Francisco; a son, Dr. Paul Libbey Russell of Brookline, Mass; a brother, Robert, of Guadalajara, Mexico; a sister, Elizabeth Shaw of Turner, Me., and three grandchildren.