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Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. Butler is the United Nations representative for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences (an NGO with General Consultative status). He served as the Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Utah (2000-2016) and as Associate Vice President of International Affairs & Diplomacy at Utah Valley University until retiring in 2016.

Dr. Butler is a former executive of the Boeing Corporation and an executive in the Reagan Administration and the United States Senate. He has been a business owner, President, and CEO of small companies in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Butler is the former president of the Utah Consular Corps and is an Honorary Professor of the Kyrgyz National University. He received three medals of merit for service from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Vladimir Vernadsky Badge & Diploma from the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences; the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the LDS International Society; and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He is active in Scouting.

Dr. Butler received bachelor's and master's Degrees (B.A., M.A.) from the University of Oregon and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University of Arizona. He is married to the former Vickie Fawson and they live in Orem, Utah. Butler and his late wife Danielle have 7 children and 37 grandchildren.