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John Byerly spent over three decades in the U.S. Government as a lawyer, foreign policy adviser, and negotiator. John graduated with highest honors from the University of North Carolina in 1975, studied European and German law on a Fulbright Scholarship in Berlin, and received his Juris Doctor degree from Yale in 1979. Upon graduation, he joined the State Department, holding a succession of jobs with responsibilities for American foreign relations, national security, and international economic policy. His work at State included assignments during the Clinton Administration as General Counsel of the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping force in the Sinai Peninsula and as Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. From 2001 until his retirement from government service in 2010, John was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State responsible for market-opening air transport agreements with over 70 countries and led U.S. delegations in talks that secured Open Skies with Germany, France, Japan, and the European Union. He was also active in the economic, legal, and environmental work of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and helped implement the U.S. response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. After leaving the government, John worked as an independent aviation consultant, advising U.S. and foreign airlines, ICAO, and other clients.