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William W. Clarke is the Director, People's Republic of China Affairs in the Bureau of East-West Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce. A graduate engineer from Stevens Institute of Technology, Mr. Clarke worked for Inland Steel prior to joining the Government in 1951. Since then he has specialized in the Soviet Union, China, and East-West trade relationships, attending the Russian Institute at Columbia University. Mr. Clarke has been Director of the Capital Goods Division in the Office of Export Control, serving many times as technical advisor for U.S. delegations at Cocom in Paris.

In 1967, Mr. Clarke was the Government member of the Minneapolis Trade Mission to USSR and Eastern Europe; the first such mission to the Soviet Union. He has served on the Automotive Maintenance and Servicing Mission to West Germany, and accompanied three other trade missions to Eastern Europe. In 1972, Mr. Clarke completed the one-year Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute. In 1973, he visited the PRC consulting with Chinese officials in Peking, touring factories and communes, and attending the Kwangchow (Canton) Trade Fair. In 1975, he was the government member of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association delegation, the first IOGA trade mission to the PRC. As a Department of State inspector in 1976, he reviewed the performance of the U.S. Consulate General, Hong Kong and the U.S. Liaison Office, Peking.

Mr. Clarke is the author of articles on Sino-American relations and the electric power and steel industries of the PRC.

Mr. Clarke is married, has three children and lives in Fairfax, Virginia.