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Colin Willett is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs in the East Asia and Pacific Bureau. Ms. Willett served as the Director for Southeast Asia at the National Security Council staff from May 2011 to December 2014. In that position, she advised the President and senior White House officials on a range of issues, including U.S. engagement with Burma, the United States' strategic cooperation with ASEAN, the East Asia Summit, the South China Sea, and U.S. relations with the countries of Southeast Asia. Ms. Willett had previously served as an Asia analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency, and has nearly 16 years of experience working on political, economic, and security issues in East Asia.

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