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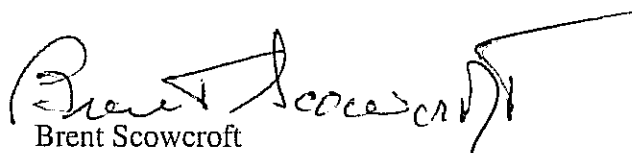
To Ambassador Tony Gillespie's many friends:

The country has lost one of its best resources in shaping American interests in Latin America, and we have lost a great friend and colleague.

Tony and Vivian served at some of the most difficult times in some of the most dangerous places in their rich careers in the Foreign Service. Those times and places require our very best. Whether in Grenada, Colombia, or the White House, Tony Gillespie walked into a room with confident dignity and clear thinking that reassured those who had the privilege of working with him. Here at The Scowcroft Group, Tony worked to deepen investment and commercial ties throughout the region, while continuing to be an active resource to the policy community.

In the final weeks of his life, he worked with his friends to complete a new book to point the way forward for American diplomacy, offering his final guidance to the Foreign Service that he loved and did so much to improve. My friend lived the way he skied -- with class, style, and grace, always preferring the challenging trails to those made safe by the travel of others. I will miss his poise and his passion that insisted our country always live up to its highest principles.

Our hearts go out to his family, friends and his Foreign Service family. I hope they take comfort in the certain knowledge that the good he has done can never be undone.

  
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