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Born 1927. Educated St Edward's and Trinity College Oxford. Army service 1945-1948 (including Palestine and Tripolitania). Entered Foreign Service 1951. MECAS Lebanon 1952. 3rd/2nd Sec. Gulf (Bahrain, Sharjah, Dubai) 1952-6. Foreign Office 1956-1959. Ist Secretary Karachi 1959-1962. Head of Chancery Tripoli 1962-1966. Foreign Office 1966-1968. Counsellor Aden 1968-1969 (Chargé d'Affaires Aug 1968-Feb 1969) . Deputy High Commissioner Kaduna 1969-1971. Counsellor and Head of Chancery Copenhagen 1972-1975. Head of Middle East Department FCO 1975-1979. Ambassador Muscat 1979-1981, and Damascus 1982-1984. Retired 1984. Assistant Secretary-General Arab-British Chamber of Commerce 1985-1987. Fellow in the International Politics of the Middle East, Cambridge University Centre of International Studies 1991-1994. Sometime Council Member Royal Over-Seas League, Royal Society of Asian Affairs and Anglo-Omani Society (Vice-President 1996 - ). Married Christine Coleman 1954. Honoured with CMG.

**Scope and content:** TS article 'Reflections on a diplomatic career in the Arab and Muslim worlds 1951-84' by Ivor Lucas covering his work in the Foreign Service relating to the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Libya, Aden and Syria and giving his reflections on the changing face of Islam.

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- Lucas, Ivor; *A road to Damascus: mainly diplomatic memoirs from the Middle East* (London: Radcliffe Press, 1997)
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