



**Mr. Dan Southerland, Former Executive Editor, Radio Free Asia**

Dan Southerland retired on December 1, 2016 as the executive editor of congressionally funded Radio Free Asia (RFA), which broadcasts news and analysis via radio, television, and multiple other platforms to Asian countries whose governments restrict the media.

From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Southerland oversaw the launch of RFA's nine language services and eight overseas offices. Prior to joining RFA, he spent 18 years as a correspondent in Asia. From 1985 to 1990, he was The Washington Post's bureau chief in Beijing. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Tiananmen uprising in 1989.

Mr. Southerland worked for 13 years for *The Christian Science Monitor*, based in Saigon, Hong Kong, and Washington, D.C. He covered the Vietnam War, the India-Pakistan War of 1971, the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, and the fall of Saigon. From 1976 until 1985 he served as a diplomatic correspondent for *The Monitor*, traveling to more than 40 countries with five U.S. secretaries of state.

In 1995, he was awarded the Edward Weintal Prize for distinguished diplomatic reporting.

Mr. Southerland holds a BA degree from the University of North Carolina, an MS degree in journalism from Columbia University, and an MS degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard, where he studied Chinese and Japanese history and languages.

In 2012, Mr. Southerland wrote the text for an RFA e-book titled *Remembering Tiananmen*. In 2016, he was executive editor of an RFA investigative web series on the Mekong River titled "A River in Peril." He currently works as a freelance writer and commentator on Asian affairs, with a major focus on environmental issues in Southeast Asia.

*Mr. Southerland has testified before the Commission previously, most recently at the Commission's 2008 hearing on "Access to Information and Media Control in the People's Republic of China."*