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Eduardo Aguirre retired in 2009, as U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. Ambassador Aguirre is Chairman and CEO of *Atlantic Partners Group L.L.C.*; a consulting group offering strategic, geopolitical, and business advice to clients seeking to maximize their transatlantic business opportunities. He serves on several corporate boards, including the US subsidiaries of Spanish multinationals BBVA and Iberdrola.

Ambassador Aguirre served during 8 years in three executive positions in President George W. Bush's Administration, including Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), an Under Secretary rank position in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Earlier, Aguirre was the Acting Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).

Prior to his U.S. Government service, Ambassador Aguirre had a 34 year banking career; retiring as President of Bank of America's International Private Bank. His extensive community service includes having served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System. Currently, he serves on the Boards of the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Children Hospital, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and the Houston Zoo.

Spain conferred upon Ambassador Aguirre the Order of Isabella the Catholic - Grand Cross. He also has been awarded the highest civilian decorations by The Holy See, Andorra, the Royal House of Rwanda, Pakistan, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic.

He has also been honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Americanism Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and selected by Louisiana State University to its Hall of Distinction, among other recognitions.

Ambassador Aguirre earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University. He is a Certified Commercial Lender, and has received Honorary Doctorates from the University of Connecticut, the University of Houston, and the Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Ambassador Aguirre and his wife Tere have resided in Houston for over three decades. Both emigrated from Cuba as "unaccompanied minors" at the age of 15.

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