



# Diplomatic Courier Service

*None Swifter than These*

The U.S. Diplomatic Courier Service (DCS) safeguards and escorts diplomatic pouches containing classified and sensitive materials to all U.S. diplomatic missions overseas and to U.S. Department of State headquarters. Diplomatic couriers spend tens of thousands of hours annually delivering millions of pounds of classified diplomatic pouch material by air, sea, and land.



The DCS traces its origins to the U.S. Army “Silver Greyhounds” courier detachment, which was established in 1918.

From horses, jeeps, gondolas, and ox carts to the Orient Express, diplomatic couriers have used unique modes of transportation over the last 100 years to deliver safely their diplomatic cargo. Diplomatic couriers became part of the Diplomatic Security Service in 1985.

Diplomatic Courier Service Regional Hubs	
Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	Nairobi, Kenya
Bangkok, Thailand	Pretoria, South Africa
Dakar, Senegal	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Frankfurt, Germany	Seoul, South Korea
Manama, Bahrain	Washington, D.C.
Miami, Florida	

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