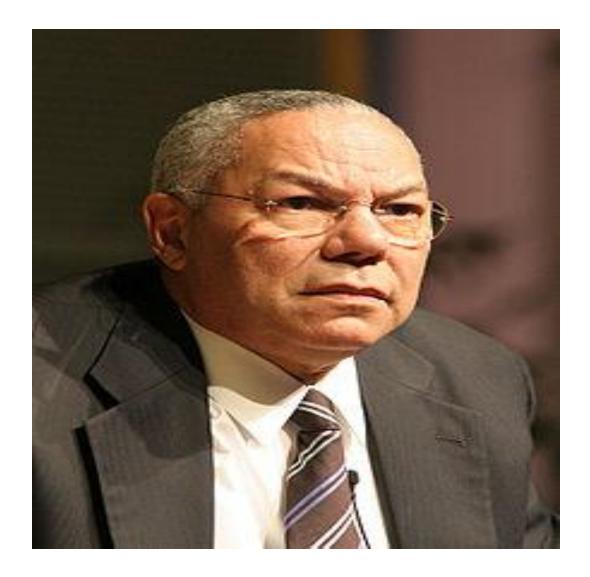# JAMAICA

COLIN LUTHER POWELL- BORN APRIL 5, 1937

He was the first, and so far the only, African American to serve on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was the first of two consecutive African American office-holders to hold the key Administration position of U.S. Secretary of State.

Colin Luther Powell was born on April 5, 1937, in Harlem, a neighborhood in the New York City borough of Manhattan, to Jamaican immigrant parents Maud Arial (née McKoy) and Luther Theophilus Powell.

COLIN POWELL IN NOVEMBER 1989

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

Powell's last military assignment, from October 1, 1989, to September 30, 1993, was as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. At age 52, he became the youngest officer, and first AFRO-CARIBBEAN AMERICAN, to serve in this position. Powell was also the first Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair who received his commission through ROTC.

Over the course of his career Mr. Powell became one of America's most popular figures, representing to millions of people around the world the possibilities of the American dream.