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As Senior Commercial Officer, Daniel Harris serves as the chief of the Commercial Section and the senior representative of the U.S. Department of Commerce in the U.S. Mission to France. From December 2005 until August 2008, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Operations in the U.S. Commercial Service, Washington, DC. In this capacity, Mr. Harris supervised the Commerce Department's Foreign Service operations in 80 countries around the world, with responsibility for budgets, personnel and programs.

After a four-year tour as U.S. Consul General in Düsseldorf, Germany (1999-2003), Mr. Harris returned to Washington as Senior Advisor for Trade Development at the National Association of Manufacturers. In this capacity he developed innovative programs to assist Small and Medium Manufacturers to compete in the global marketplace. In July 2004, he became Regional Director for Africa, Near East and South Asia – a complex region with Commercial Service posts in 15 countries. As Regional Director, Mr. Harris served on the management team for International Operations.

A member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Counselor, Mr. Harris was commissioned into the Foreign Service in 1984. He was first posted as Commercial Attaché to the American Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. From 1987-1990 he served in the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC., then as Commercial Attaché in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 1990 to 1992. Two tours of duty as Senior Commercial Officer followed from 1992 to 1995 in Prague, Czech Republic, and from 1995 to 1999 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the twelve years prior to joining the Department of Commerce, Mr. Harris held various positions in business with South Western Bell Telephone, Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) and Pall Corporation.

Mr. Harris was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1948. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in history from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, during which time he spent a year abroad at the University of Natal in Durban, South Africa. After completion of the BA, Mr. Harris won a fellowship from the Rotary International Foundation to study at the Université de Caen, France (1971-1972). He pursued additional studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium (1973-1974) where he earned a Certificate in Advanced European Studies. He began his international career at Deutsche ICI in Frankfurt, Germany (1974-1976).

He speaks German, French and Spanish in addition to English.

Harris is married and has two sons, ages 24 and 26. His wife, Zara Harris, holds a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy. She works with children and adults who have learning disabilities, especially attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The family enjoys traveling, skiing and scuba diving.