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Immediately prior to his current position, Christian served as Senior Commercial Officer at the US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, a four-year assignment that also included Partner Post responsibilities for Oman and Bahrain. From 1999 through 2003, Christian was Deputy SCO in Canada, the United States' largest trading partner.

Christian joined the Foreign Service of the US Department of Commerce in 1991, serving five years as Deputy Director of the Frankfurt office of the US Travel and Tourism Administration, followed by three years as Senior Commercial Officer in Copenhagen. He came to the USG with ten years of professional experience, including four years teaching English at a German university and at a Saudi post-graduate institution. He also worked in the travel sector, for KD German Rhine Line and for Austrian Airlines.

Originally from Los Angeles, Christian studied at the University of Texas at Austin and at Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet in Freiburg, Germany. He holds a BA in German language and literature (1975), an MA in teaching English as a foreign language (1978), and an MBA (1984). He and his wife, Elizabeth Eisenman Reed, a clinical social worker, have two sons (a teen and a pre-teen!!) who make sure that life in the Reed household is never boring.

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