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Profile:

Mr. Alsace is a career Senior Foreign Service Officer with twenty-six years of service. Prior to assuming his current position in August 2012, Mr. Alsace served as Chief of the War Crimes, Democracy and Human Rights Division, in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. His return to Washington service followed several years of overseas postings, including in Iraq as Team Leader of an embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (2009-2010), Economic and Political Counselor in Santiago, Chile (2006-2009), and Consul General in Barcelona, Spain (2003-2006).

Mr. Alsace is a Distinguished Graduate of the National War College (2003). He has also served in Istanbul, Turkey, as Deputy Principal Officer (1999-2002) and in several Washington assignments, including as desk officer for Lebanon and for Kazakhstan, as a staff assistant to the NEA Assistant Secretary, and as Pearson Fellow in the office of Senator Russell Feingold, who was then on the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Alsace has also been posted to Karachi, Santo Domingo, and Quito.

Originally from Buffalo, NY, Mr. Alsace is a graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI and obtained his law degree from the University of Minnesota. He practiced law for three years before joining the Foreign Service. Mr. Alsace has received several State Department Awards, including three Superior Honor Awards and four Meritorious Honor Awards. Married now for thirty two years to Nancy, a Nurse Practitioner, Mr. Alsace has two children. He speaks Spanish and remembers a few useful Turkish phrases.