

# CECIL S. RICHARDSON

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### Background

Born and raised in New York City  
US Army, WWII and Korean War  
Queen's College  
New York Department of Welfare  
Entered the Foreign Service in 1956

Dakar, Senegal; GSO/Consular/Admin Officer 1956-1959

The French  
Wife  
Geography  
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FLN in Algeria

Nice, France; French language training 1959

Saigon, Vietnam; Political Officer/Staff Aide 1959-1961

Ngo Dinh Diem  
International Commission  
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U.S. Military  
North Vietnam  
Security

Lagos, Nigeria; Staff Aide 1961-1962

Environment  
Political situation

Niamey, Niger; FSO General 1962-1965

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Foreign community

Paris, France; Consular Officer 1965-1968

From Niamey to Paris by car  
Welfare and Protections cases  
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The French

## Anti-Americanism

Accra, Ghana; Consular Officer Environment Embassy building Sidney Poitier visit	1968-1971
Brussels, Belgium; Chief, Consular Section Religious groups Language	1971-1975
Quito, Ecuador; Chief, Consular Section Dictatorship Protection and welfare cases “Passport to Nowhere” TV film Americans in trouble	1975-1977
State Department; FSI, Farsi language training	1977-1978
Teheran, Iran; Chief, Consular Officer Visa volume Civil disturbances Partial evacuation Embassy attacked Security Khomeini Anti American demonstrations Religions Vacation travel	1978-1979
Lima, Peru; Chief, Consular Officer Military dictatorship Security problems Americans Environment	1980-1983
St. Paolo, Brazil; TDY; Chief, Consular Officer Pollution	1983
Bahamas, Chief Consular Officer Corruption Relations	1983
State Department; Inspection Corps Post Inspections	1988-1991