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Richard JOHNS has been Consul of the United States of America in Lyon since August 2022. Prior to that, he worked for the United States Embassy in Kabul where he led human resources and was notably in charge of evacuation and relocation of Afghan personnel to the United States. Richard has also served several times in the economic and management sections of the American mission in Geneva. His job was to represent American interests in Internet governance, telecommunications policy, and cybersecurity at the United Nations in Geneva. Also, in charge of logistics and conference organization, he managed several aspects of these operations, including the coordination of numerous delegations and official visits to the United Nations and other international organizations. Richard has also worked in Colombia, Argentina and Japan.

Prior to joining the US State Department, Richard handled import, customs and export promotion matters for the US Department of Commerce. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona, he grew up in Utah until he graduated from college. He then completed his studies with an MBA in international trade and an MA in international trade policy from the George Washington University as well as a Master's certificate in international trade affairs from the University of Rouen (France).