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## Professional Profile:

**Security Professional** with over twenty years security experience combining a unique blend of corporate, government, and military expertise. **Director of Security** for large passenger Cruise Lines with broad international maritime security responsibilities. **Foreign Service Security Officer / Special Agent** with the U.S. Department of State with senior investigative, managerial and protective responsibilities at 5 United States Embassies and domestic Field Offices. **U.S. Naval Officer** with deployed sea service and recent active duty experience in Naval Intelligence and Force Protection. Additional qualifications include:

- Fluency in Russian and Spanish languages.
- Word, Excel, Lotus Notes, PowerPoint, Windows and Microsoft Office proficient.
- Extensive specialized security training through governmental and military schools.

## Career Summary:

**Director of Security: Princess Cruises, Cunard Cruise Lines:** July 2003 – April 2005

Director of security operations for a fleet of 22 large passenger cruise ships. Led the transition of these fleets to the new International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Codes and Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) regulations that took effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

- Implemented innovative new security technology throughout the fleets.
- Completed extensive overseas travel to survey port security requirements at over 450 ports of call.
- Planned security operations of the *Queen Mary 2* during the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece.

**Commander (0-5): U.S. Navy, Naval Intelligence:** November 2002 – July 2003

Recalled to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a Counterintelligence Officer / Force Protection Officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), San Diego, California.

- Held Reserve NCIS Agent Credentials.
- Authored comprehensive "Security Boat Operations Manual".
- Conducted counterintelligence investigations. Planned force protection operations.

**Special Agent: Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security:** June 1987 – November 2002

Worldwide security assignments, overseas security related travel, and professional training with the Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security has included:

**LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:** January 2002 - December 2003, (Includes service as the Regional Security Officer at the **U.S. EMBASSY SANA'A, YEMEN:** July 2002 – September 2002), **U.S. EMBASSY, BEIRUT, LEBANON:** April 2001 - December 2001, **U.S. EMBASSY, MOSCOW, RUSSIA:** July 1999 - March 2001, **FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, Arlington, Virginia:** July 1998 - June 1999, **U.S. EMBASSY, MANAGUA, NICARAGUA:** May 1996 – July 1998, **LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:** August 1994 - May 1996, **U.S. EMBASSY, LA PAZ BOLIVIA:** August 1992 - July 1994, **FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, Arlington, Virginia:** January 1992 - July 1992, **LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:** June 1987 - January 1992.

## Professional Accomplishments:

- **Led the growth of the Princess Cruise Lines** and Cunard corporate security departments by realizing the specialized security needs of the growing Princess and Cunard fleet of ships.
- **Applied new security technology** for Princess and Cunard fleets to protect waterside and shore side approaches. Secured capitol funding and authored policy and protocol for the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD), a Moveable Vehicle Barrier (MVB), the Itemizer3, and new Security Database.
- **Criminal Investigations** for violations of title 18 criminal codes relating to the fraudulent application and use of U.S. passports. Presented cases to the AUSA and testified in Federal Court and Grand Jury.
- **Protective Services** and protective advances for U.S. Secretary of State and Foreign Dignitaries.
- **Background Security Investigations** for Department of State and Department of Defense personnel.
- **Supervised a 275 man local guard force**, 75 bodyguard force, 25 man surveillance detection team, and 5 Diplomatic Security Officers at the U.S. Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon.
- **Security Threat / Vulnerability Assessments** for official travel for Americans throughout Lebanon.
- **Handpicked** by U.S. Ambassador, Moscow to conduct a “**ZERO BASED SECURITY REVIEW**” of all security procedures in place at U.S. Embassy, Moscow, Russia.
- **Authored “MOVE SECURITY PLAN”**, to ensure national security information was protected during long awaited move from the old Chancery building to the new Chancery in Moscow, Russia.
- **Awarded a Meritorious Honor Award** by the U.S. Ambassador Moscow for the Move Security Plan.
- **Authored** the “**SECURITY PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK**” for the new billion-dollar Chancery.
- **Authored “ACCESS POLICY”** for the New Embassy Compound in Moscow, U.S. Embassy, Sana’a.

## Military Experience:

**United States Navy: RESERVE DUTY (Honorable Discharge)** April 1986 - January 2005  
Sr. Naval Officer, (0-4 to 0-5): (Retired USNR Commander (0-5))

**Naval Intelligence Officer (1635 designator):** Select Reserves. Performed active duty at various Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Commands that included counterintelligence and force protection support to U.S. Southern Command, CINCUSNAVEUR, NAVSTA, Bahrain, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, NAVSTA Guam, NAVSTA San Diego, and NAVSTA Norfolk.  
Awarded Naval Achievement Medal for counterintelligence support to Commander Seventh Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, January 1991.

**United States Navy: ACTIVE DUTY (Honorable Discharge)** November 1982 - April 1986  
Jr. Naval Officer, (0-1 to 0-3):

**Naval Surface Warfare Officer (1115 designator):** Completed 42 months of sea service on board the USS TARAWA (LHA-1), a large amphibious marine helicopter carrier home-ported in San Diego, California. Earned the Surface Warfare Designator (SWO) as Officer of the Deck Underway, Engineering Officer Watch Officer, Assistant Communications Officer, COMSEC Custodian, Deck Division Officer, and Shipboard Security Officer.

## Education:

**University of California Los Angeles (UCLA):** Los Angeles, California  
B.A., Political Science/International Relations: Degree awarded September 1981  
**Foreign Service Institute, Department of State:** Arlington, Virginia  
Russian and Spanish Language Training: January - June 1992, and July 1998 – June 1999  
**Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC):** Glynco, Georgia  
Basic Federal Criminal Investigator Course: April - July 1986, and June - October 1987

## Security Clearances: (Current and Previously Held)

Secret 2003 – Issued by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard  
Top Secret (SBI) 2001 – Issued by the Department of the Navy - periodic update  
Top Secret (SBI) 1999 – Issued by the Department of State - periodic update