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British Embassy. Though an American, Mr. Morris began his trade policy career in 1974 as a Commercial Officer in the Trade Policy Section of the British Embassy in Washington.

NAM. From 1980 to 1995, Mr. Morris was the Director and later Senior Policy Director for International Trade at the National Association of Manufacturers. In that capacity, he assisted NAM members in shaping the trade policy of the NAM during a period characterized by the completion of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, and the Uruguay Round; by several years of severe tension in the U.S.-Japan relationship; and by intermittent crises over the maintenance of normal trade with China. Also during his NAM years, Mr. Morris established the NAM Trade Forum. This was then a biweekly seminar series, which he ran for 11 years.

AMP, Incorporated. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Morris served as the Director for International Relations at AMP, Incorporated. At the time, AMP was the largest producer of electrical and electronic connectors in the world, with manufacturing facilities in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. In this position, Mr. Morris worked closely with AMP’s CEO, who was deeply involved in a number of international organizations. Prominent among these were the TransAtlantic Business Dialogue, the NAM, the Pacific Basin Economic Council, and the European Institute. AMP was acquired by Tyco International in April 1999. In December 1999, Mr. Morris organized a four-day conference, the Seattle Business Dialogue, which was held in tandem with the WTO Seattle Ministerial. Later, the Global Business Dialogue organized similar events at subsequent WTO’s Ministerials in Doha, Cancún, Hong Kong, and Geneva.

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