

**BERNARD DORIN
AMBASSADOR DE FRANCE
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TO THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Mr Bernard DORIN was born on 25 August 1919 at Beauvais (Oise). He studied in the Faculty of Law and Letters at Lyon and Paris, and at Harvard University. He holds a certificate of advanced studies in history and the diploma of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques. He attended the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

He started his career as Attache in the Embassy at Ottawa (1957-59); on his return to the central government service, he served first in the Disarmament Department (1959-63) and then in the general secretariat of the Ministry (1963-64); he was subsequently appointed Technical Counsellor in the private office of the Minister of Information (1964-66), the private office of the Minister with special responsibility for Scientific Research and Atomic and Space affairs (1966-67), the private office of the Minister of Education (1967-68), the private office of the Minister responsible for Scientific Research (1968-69). Following a period spent at Harvard University (1969-70), he was appointed official representative to the Director of Personnel and General Administration (1970-72); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Port-au-Prince (1972-75); Head of the Department of Francophone Affairs (1975-76); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Pretoria (1978-81); Head of the American Department (1981-84); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Brasilia (1984-87), Tokyo (1987-90). He has been Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in London since 3 January 1991.

Mr Dorin was raised to the rank of Ambassadeur de France in June 1992.

Mr Dorin is an Officer of the National order of Merit, Officer of the Legion of Honour, Commandeur des Palmes Academiques, Chevalier des Arts at Lettres, Officier du Merite Agricole (decorations for services to education, the arts and agriculture).

He married Christine du Bois de Meyrignac on 13 September 1971 and they have four children (Helene, Sophie, Philippe and Alban).