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Mr. Ries joined the European Coal and Steel Community in 1958 as Assistant to the Director General of Labor, Reconstruction, and Resettlement. Here he specialized in the Administrative units: Industrial Resettlement and Regional Policy, Wages and Social Security, and Vocational Training. In 1968, he became an official at the Commission of the European Communities where he specialized in industrial development and regional policy.

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