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Ms. Kavanagh graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University and has a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Chicago. She speaks Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, and some Russian. She is the recipient of four Superior Honor awards and four Meritorious Honor awards, as well as the 2006 Assistant Secretary's Award for leadership.