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A native of Boston, Mr. Mulrean majored in Government at Harvard, focusing on politics in the Middle East. After working briefly in New York, he joined the Peace Corps and went to Morocco, where he taught high-school English in a Berber town in the Mid-Atlas Mountains. Following a year of studies in France, he then taught English in Chengdu, China and Odawara, Japan.

Mr. Mulrean joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1988. He spent much of the first part of his career dealing with the Balkans, including serving at the American Consulate General in Zagreb and coordinating U.S. humanitarian assistance to Bosnia during the war there. Subsequently, he focused on European affairs, with assignments at the American Embassy in The Hague, the Netherlands and at the U.S. Mission to the European Union. Mr. Mulrean was also a State Department exchange diplomat to the European Commission in Brussels. Most recently, Mr. Mulrean was Deputy Director of the Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy in the Department of State.

Mr. Mulrean is married and has two daughters. He speaks French, Dutch and Serbo-Croatian.