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Mr. Zumwalt previously served for three years in U.S. Embassy Beijing, first as Deputy in the Economic Section and then as Economic Minister Counselor. Prior to his assignment to China, Mr. Zumwalt studied at the National War College in Washington, D.C., where he graduated in 1997 with a Masters degree in International Security Studies.

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A California native, Mr. Zumwalt received a Bachelor of Arts in History and also in Japanese, from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. He continued his studies of Japanese for two years at the Tokyo Institute of Foreign Studies before entering the State Department in 1981. He is also a graduate of the State Department's intensive Economics course.

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