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Mr. McCleary has an M.A. degree in national security studies from Georgetown University and a B.A. degree in international affairs (economics) from George Washington University. He was a group recipient of the U.S. Commercial Service Director General's Award in 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Charles F. Meissner Memorial Award in 1999, and the U.S. Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award in 1992. He received the U.S. Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award in 2011 and Superior Honor Award in 1990. A former member of the U.S. Naval Reserve, his foreign languages are Spanish, French, Italian, and Russian. Born in Washington, D.C., and a resident of Virginia, he is married to Tara McCleary. The McClearys have three sons: Colin, Ian, and Patrick.