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Mr. Fennell earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English and American Literature with Honors from Brown University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Rutgers University, and a Masters in International Security Studies at the National Defense University, where he was awarded the Chancellor's Award. He has received several Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards from the Department of State, citations from the FBI for efforts against transnational crime, and is a recipient of the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service and the Secretary of State's Award for Expeditionary Diplomacy. Mr. Fennell is a two-time qualifier for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the sport of rowing, and continues to stay active with sports. He is fluent in Spanish, and has a basis in Arabic and French. He plays the guitar and the conga drums, and is a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. He is married to Maria Prieto, a contracts attorney with a private company