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After undergraduate and graduate study of History and English and American Literature at Wichita University, and two years in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Mr. Blackwill entered the United States Foreign Service in 1967. From that year until 1969 he worked in the Crisis Center of the Department of State as editor of the daily morning summary of international events prepared for the President and Secretary of State. He spent the next two years in Kenya as a Political Officer in the United States Embassy and returned to the Department of State in 1972.

After 18 months as Staff Officer serving Secretary of State Rogers, in 1973 Mr. Blackwill became Special Assistant to Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Counselor of the Department of State. In that capacity, he worked on European security issues and frequently travelled to Western Europe and the Soviet Union with Secretary of State Kissinger and Counselor Sonnenfeldt. Mr. Blackwill was Politico-Military Officer at the American Embassy in London from August 1975 to August 1977, and Executive Assistant to the Ambassador in that Embassy from August 1977 until his departure for Israel in May 1978. He was Political Counselor at Embassy Tel Aviv from May 1978 until September 1979 when he joined the Staff of the National Security Council.

Mr. Blackwill's wife Anne, is a Professor of Literature and Philosophy. She has taught at Stanford University, The University of Utah, The United States Naval Academy, London University, Tel Aviv University and American University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Blackwill has three daughters -- Kirsten is 14, Sarah two and Hannah three months old.

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