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Mr. Stanton was commissioned through Cornell University Navy ROTC in 1972 and served aboard USS Richard B. Anderson (DD-786) and then USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) as an Officer of the Deck (Fleet) off Vietnam. He was a P-3C anti-submarine mission commander/ instructor pilot in Patrol Squadrons 45 and 49 and led maintenance and safety departments. Mr. Stanton was Africa and Latin America desk officer on the Navy staff and served as a naval assistant to political appointees in OSD Policy working on NATO arms cooperation programs and allied naval modernization.

As defense trade assistant to the Under Secretary of Commerce, he interfaced with industry and served on interagency working groups focusing on the

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Mr. Stanton received an MA in National Security Studies from Georgetown University, was adjunct professor of International Relations & Geography at Northern Virginia Community College (Alexandria), and served on a regional citizens transportation advisory committee. He received the Defense Superior Service, Vietnam Service, Combat Action, and Armed Forces Expeditionary medals.