REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Albania

CANDIDATE: Donald Lu

Donald Lu is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. A three-time Deputy Chief of Mission, he is known for being one of the Department’s most talented leaders, respected both for his strong analytical skills and for his mentoring and motivational skills. An experienced negotiator, comfortable navigating relations with recalcitrant host governments, Mr. Lu will bring essential skills in negotiating between ethnic factions in Albania to achieve democratization and adherence to the rule-of-law.


Mr. Lu earned a Master of Arts Degree in International and Public Affairs, as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the same discipline, from Princeton University. He speaks and reads Russian, Azerbaijani, Georgian, and West African Krio, and has a working knowledge of Hindi and Urdu.

He is the recipient of four individual Superior Honor Awards and two individual Meritorious Honor Awards.

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