

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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

POST: Republic of the Congo - Brazzaville

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CANDIDATE: Stephanie S. Sullivan

Stephanie Sullivan is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Her long experience working in Africa and on African issues will be especially relevant to achieving U.S. aims in the Republic of the Congo-Brazzaville. Prior collaboration with USAID and the military will enable her to promote good governance and increase engagement with the Congolese military. At this small and isolated mission, her attentiveness to morale and mentoring will be especially important.

Ms. Sullivan is currently serving as an Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources. Previously, she served as the Managing Director of the Office of Management Policy, Rightsizing and Innovation in the Bureau of Management (2010-2011), Office Director in the Operations Center (2008-2010), Management Officer in the Bureau of European and International Organizations Affairs (2006-2008), Deputy Director (2003-2005) and Operations Officer (2002-2003) in the Operations Center, Post Management Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs (2001-2002), Political Chief in Accra, Ghana (1997-2001), and Area Management Officer in the Office of Foreign Buildings (1993-1996). She also served at U.S. missions in Yaounde and Douala, Cameroon, as a Desk Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs, and as an Operations Officer in the Operations Center. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then Zaire), as Chief of Operations for the Africa Region for Peace Corps, and as an English teacher.

Ms. Sullivan earned a Master of Science degree in security strategy at the National Defense University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English language and literature at Brown University. She speaks French and Lingala, a language of the Republic of the Congo-Brazzaville. She has a working knowledge of Spanish. She is the recipient of four individual Superior Honor Awards, one individual Meritorious Honor Award, and two Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards.

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