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(Fred Anderson)

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"[O'Shaughnessy] shatters entrenched stereotypes."—William Anthony Hay, *The National Interest* (William Anthony Hay *The National Interest*)

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