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Ms. Rodriguez had a 36-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where she began providing technical support worldwide to covert operations and rose to become the first Latina in Human Resources promoted to the Senior Intelligence Service, the CIA's executive cadre. She received numerous commendations to include 18 Exceptional Performance Awards, an Intelligence Commendation Medal, a National Intelligence Professional Award for Human Capital, and a Career Intelligence Medal.

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