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**DNI Names New Director of Public Affairs**

Veteran newsman Richard Willing has joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence as its Director of Public Affairs.

Willing, 59, covered civil and criminal justice issues, as well as intelligence and national security, for USA Today from 1997 until this January.

Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell said Willing's reporting background should serve him well in his new post.

"He understands how our actions are perceived," said McConnell. "He appreciates the vital importance of the work we do, and will work tirelessly to help us better communicate our work to the American people."

Previously, Willing covered the auto industry and organized labor for the Washington bureau of The Detroit News. Willing's work has also appeared in the Washington Post Style section, Washingtonian magazine and the Journal of U.S. Intelligence Studies. On radio, he has reported for BBC-Ulster and Radio Canada.

Willing holds honors degrees from Yale and Ohio State universities.

He began work March 31.

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