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William Ruger serves as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Mission Integration (DDNI/MI), where he is responsible for leading the IC's collaborative integration efforts and primary intelligence support to policymakers through the President's Daily Brief and the National Intelligence Council.

Before joining the IC, Dr. Ruger was the President of the American Institute for Economic Research. Ruger was previously the Vice President for Research and Policy at the Charles Koch Institute and the Vice President, Foreign Policy at Stand Together. Before that, he was an Associate Professor (with tenure) in the Department of Political Science at Texas State University and an adjunct Assistant Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin.

Dr. Ruger is a veteran of the Afghanistan War and was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, among other decorations. He remains an officer in the U.S. Navy (Reserve Component) with the rank of Commander. Ruger was nominated by President Trump to serve as the United States Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and was a prominent advocate for ending America's participation in the Afghanistan War. Ruger was appointed by the president to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board at the U.S. Department of State in 2020, serving from 2020 to 2023.

Dr. Ruger earned his Ph.D. in Politics from Brandeis University and an A.B. from the College of William and Mary. His scholarship has appeared in a number of academic journals including *International Studies Quarterly*, *Civil Wars*, and *Armed Forces and Society*. Ruger is the author of the biography *Milton Friedman* and co-author of two books on state politics, including *Freedom in the 50 States*.

Dr. Ruger has written op-eds for numerous outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, and he has been interviewed frequently for television and radio, appearing on Fox News, MSNBC, and CNN. He has served on several non-profit boards, including the Center for the National Interest and The John Quincy Adams Society. Ruger is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

