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Inspector General Participates in Intelligence Community Ombudsman Forum

(February 28, 2019) Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) Michael K. Atkinson participated in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI's) Intelligence Community (IC) Ombudsman Forum on January 31, 2019. The Forum also included ODNI's Office of General Counsel, Civil Liberties Privacy and Transparency Office, and IC Analytic Ombudsman.

The Forum participants engaged in robust discussion on the relationship between Inspectors General in the Intelligence Community and IC Ombudsmen and discussed their shared views on the importance of visitor confidentiality. They also discussed how to handle visitors to the Office of the Ombudsman whose issues implicate whistleblowing and protected disclosures concerning allegations of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement.

Ombudsmen from the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Defense Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Organization, and National Security Agency also participated.

Jamel C. Harling currently serves as the Director of the ODNI Office of the Ombudsman, which provides a neutral, informal, independent, and confidential resource to assist in the resolution of individual and systemic workplace issues. Jamel also oversees Alternative Dispute Resolution for the ODNI, identifies issue patterns and trends to inform assessments of the overall health of the organization, and oversees the ODNI's Health and Wellness Program. Ms. Harling has served the ODNI in multiple assignments since 2007.

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 established the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The ICIG's mission is to provide independent and objective oversight of the programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of National Intelligence, to initiate and conduct independent audits, inspections, investigations, and reviews, and to lead and coordinate the efforts of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum. The ICIG's goal is to have a positive and enduring impact throughout the Intelligence Community, to lead and coordinate the efforts of an integrated Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, and to enhance the ability of the United States Intelligence Community to meet national security needs while respecting our nation's laws and reflecting its values. The Forum consists of the twelve statutory and administrative Inspectors General having oversight responsibility for an element of the Intelligence Community. The Chair of the Forum is the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

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