Fact Sheet: Continued Progress in Reforming Intelligence

ODNI was created by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of December 2004. The Office was stood up in April 2005.

The Director of National Intelligence leads the President’s daily intelligence briefing, oversees and directs the national intelligence budget and represents the 16-member Intelligence Community before Congressional oversight committees.

He is also responsible for leading integration and collaboration, including information sharing, across the IC.

The first DNI was John D. Negroponte, who served from April 2005 until February 2007.

His successor, J.M. “Mike” McConnell, took office in February 2007.

Key milestones of McConnell’s tenure include:

- **FISA Modernization**: Led efforts that resulted in a revised Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act in July 2008. Law allows the IC prompt access to critical information. Enhanced civil liberties and privacy protections include warrant protection for Americans anywhere in the world.

- **Executive Order 12333**: Spearheaded a year-long interagency effort to update the 27-year-old EO that governs authorities and responsibilities of individual intelligence elements. Changes made in July 2008 conform to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, respond to key findings of the 9/11 and WMD Commissions and strengthen the DNI’s ability to lead the IC as a unified enterprise.

- **Cybersecurity**: Led development of a 12-point Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative that includes enhancements to detection and prevention of intrusions and a public education program. Convened and led interagency cybersecurity task force.

- **Analytic Transformation**: Restored confidence in analytic products at highest levels of government. Brought forward innovations, including A-Space and the Library of National Intelligence, aimed at improving the way IC analysts share information.

- **Security Clearance Reform**: Developed a program to modernize the security clearance process, resulting in a 30% decrease in time needed to make initial decisions. Modified a long-standing rule to make it easier for first-generation Americans to attain the highest level of security clearance, improving the IC’s ability to recruit and retain officers with native language capabilities.
- **Collaboration and Career-focused Initiatives**: Developed and implemented a wide range of initiatives designed to improve performance and enhance career opportunities within the IC.
  - Implemented an award-winning **Joint Duty** program to promote cross-collaboration, information sharing and knowledge transfer across the IC.
  - Established **Pay-for-Performance** to ensure the IC continues to recruit and retain a premier workforce.
  - Launched the **National Intelligence University** to provide collaborative education and training for the entire IC workforce.

- **Information Sharing**: Developed innovative IT solutions to enable information sharing across the IC. Those include iVideo, which allows imagery to be shared, Intellipedia, the Community’s secure wiki, and Inteldocs, a Web-based document sharing system.

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