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Ambassador Joseph R. DeTrani to Serve as New NCPC Director

Ambassador Joseph R. DeTrani will become the new director of the National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC) next month, and Sylvia L. Copeland, an accomplished executive in the Intelligence Community, will replace him as mission manager for North Korea, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence announced today.

The move stems from a decision by Ambassador Kenneth C. Brill, NCPC's founding director, to return to the State Department and then retire from the U.S. Foreign Service.

"Ambassador DeTrani has a wealth of national intelligence and diplomatic experience in a career that spans more than three decades," DNI Dennis C. Blair said. "He established the ODNI's Mission Manager Office for North Korea in 2006, and ably served as its leader from day one. We will only gain from his continued leadership.

"At the same time, I want to express my gratitude to Ambassador Brill for his outstanding performance in the opening and subsequent management of NCPC since 2005," Blair added. "His contributions have been lasting and decisive."

NCPC, a branch of the ODNI, develops integrated strategies and actions to not only counter threats from weapons of mass destruction, but also anticipate and thwart WMD proliferation.

Mission managers encourage competitive analysis, present the views of all IC agencies to policymakers and ensure that analysts drive collection.

Prior to serving as the ODNI's mission manager for North Korea, DeTrani was a U.S. ambassador and special envoy to the denuclearization talks with North Korea. From 2000 to 2003, he was chief of the East Asia Division of the Central Intelligence Agency, where he spent most of his career.

Copeland, the ODNI's associate deputy director of national intelligence for collection since 2007, was a highly regarded senior CIA manager. In 2003 she was appointed director of the agency's Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis. Soon after, she served as the chief operating officer for the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence.

"Ms. Copeland has made important contributions to the IC while working the full range of intelligence-collection issues," Director Blair said. "Her superior leadership is recognized and valued at all levels."

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