

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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**Statement by the Director of National Intelligence  
Mr. Dennis C. Blair**

Stephen Kappes is a patriot and a dedicated professional. We are grateful for his service to the CIA, the Intelligence Community and the nation.

We welcome the selection of Michael Morell as the next CIA Deputy Director. His keen understanding of intelligence will help the Community to improve tradecraft and strengthen integration. Michael is an outstanding intelligence professional; all of us in the leadership of the Intelligence Community look forward to working with him.

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