



Secretary of Defense Carter Awards DoD's Highest Civilian Award to National Intel Director Clapper

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The argument was that the intelligence community was too parochial, and therefore the 17 government intelligence agencies wouldn't cooperate, much less meld. The director of national intelligence would be yet another layer between the intelligence agencies and their users: the White House, the Defense Department, the State Department and others, critics said.

But 11 years later at the headquarters of the Office of National Intelligence here today, Defense Secretary Ash Carter presented [James R. Clapper](#), the director of national intelligence, with the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the Defense Department's highest civilian award.

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