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Dan is an excellent choice for DSS Director. He began his counterintelligence career as a DSS Special Agent, and this appointment brings his career full circle. His extensive experience with counterintelligence and security matters is unparalleled.

At ODNI, he has expanded his perspective across the national security structure as deputy director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, making him uniquely prepared to move into this critical national security leadership position. Dan is another example of ODNI veterans going on to senior executive positions in service to our nation.

I congratulate Dan on his appointment, and I look forward to working with him and the men and women of DSS in support of our shared mission to protect the nation.

James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence