**Director of National Intelligence**

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| **Office of the Director of National Intelligence** |
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| **Agency overview** |
| **Formed** | [April 22](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_22), [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005) |
| **Jurisdiction** | [Federal Government of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Government_of_the_United_States) |
| **Headquarters** | [Washington, DC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington%2C_DC) |
| **Employees** | Approximately 1,500 |
| **Annual Budget** | [Classified](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classified_information) |
| **Agency Executives** | [John Michael McConnell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Michael_McConnell), Director of National Intelligence [Donald Kerr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Kerr), Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence |
| **Website** |
| [www.dni.gov](http://www.dni.gov/) |

The **Director of National Intelligence** (**DNI**) is the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States) [government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_government_of_the_United_States) official subject to the authority, direction and control of the [President](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22President%20of%20the%20United%20States) who is responsible under the [Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Reform_and_Terrorism_Prevention_Act_of_2004%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Reform%20and%20Terrorism%20Prevention%20Act%20of%202004) for:

* Serving as the principal adviser to the [President](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22President%20of%20the%20United%20States), the [National Security Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_National_Security_Council%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20National%20Security%20Council), and the [Homeland Security Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeland_Security_Council%22%20%5Co%20%22Homeland%20Security%20Council) for intelligence matters related to the national security;
* Serving as the head of the sixteen-member [Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Intelligence%20Community); and
* Overseeing and directing the [National Intelligence Program](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Cl%20%22Intelligence_Community_programs%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Community).

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[Donald M. Kerr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Kerr) was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence on Thursday, [October 4](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October_4%22%20%5Co%20%22October%204), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007). He was sworn in on Tuesday, [October 9](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October_9%22%20%5Co%20%22October%209), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007).

Kerr, of Virginia, was most recently the Director of the [National Reconnaissance Office](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Reconnaissance_Office%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Reconnaissance%20Office), and he was previously the Deputy Director for Science and Technology at the U.S. [Central Intelligence Agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Intelligence_Agency%22%20%5Co%20%22Central%20Intelligence%20Agency) (CIA). Earlier in his career, he was the Assistant Director of the Justice Department's [Federal Bureau of Investigation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Bureau_of_Investigation%22%20%5Co%20%22Federal%20Bureau%20of%20Investigation) (FBI). He received his Ph.D. from [Cornell University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_University%22%20%5Co%20%22Cornell%20University).

[Declan McCullagh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declan_McCullagh) at News.com wrote on August 24, 2007 that the [DNI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNI%22%20%5Co%20%22DNI) site apparently was configured to repel all search engines to index any page at DNI.gov. This effectively made the DNI web site invisible to all search engines and in turn, any search queries.

Ross Feinstein, the Spokesman for the DNI said that the cloaking was removed as of Monday, September 3, "We're not even sure how (the [robots.txt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robots.txt%22%20%5Co%20%22Robots.txt) [file](http://www.dni.gov/robots.txt)) got there" -- but it was again somehow hidden on September 4. Another blog entry by McCullagh on September 7, states that the DNI site should, again, now be open to search engines.

**100 Day/500 Day Plans**

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has released Intelligence Community 100 Day & 500 Day Plans for Integration & Collaboration. These plans include a series of initiatives designed to build the foundation for increased cooperation and reform of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

**History**

Prior to establishment of the DNI, the head of the [Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Community) was the [Director of Central Intelligence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_Central_Intelligence%22%20%5Co%20%22Director%20of%20Central%20Intelligence) (DCI). The DCI concurrently served as the Director of the [Central Intelligence Agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Intelligence_Agency%22%20%5Co%20%22Central%20Intelligence%20Agency) (CIA).

Establishment of the DNI position was one of the recommendations in the [report](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/9/11_Commission_Report%22%20%5Co%20%229/11%20Commission%20Report) by the [9/11 Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Commission_on_Terrorist_Attacks_Upon_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Commission%20on%20Terrorist%20Attacks%20Upon%20the%20United%20States) investigating the [September 11 attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11%2C_2001_attacks%22%20%5Co%20%22September%2011%2C%202001%20attacks). The report, which was released on [July 22](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_22%22%20%5Co%20%22July%2022), [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004), identified major intelligence failures that called into question how well the Intelligence Community protected US national and homeland security interests against attacks by foreign terrorists.

Soon thereafter Senators [Dianne Feinstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dianne_Feinstein%22%20%5Co%20%22Dianne%20Feinstein), [Jay Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Rockefeller) and [Bob Graham](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Graham%22%20%5Co%20%22Bob%20Graham) introduced legislation to create a Director of National Intelligence, S. 2645, introduced on June 19, 2002. Other, similar, legislation soon followed. After considerable debate on the scope of the DNI's powers and authorities, the [United States Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Congress) passed the [Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Reform_and_Terrorism_Prevention_Act_of_2004%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Reform%20and%20Terrorism%20Prevention%20Act%20of%202004) by votes of 336-75 in the [House of Representatives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_of_Representatives%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20House%20of%20Representatives), and 89-2 in the [Senate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Senate%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Senate). President [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush%22%20%5Co%20%22George%20W.%20Bush) signed the bill into law on [December 17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/December_17%22%20%5Co%20%22December%2017), [2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004). Among other things, the law established the DNI position as the designated leader of the [United States Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Intelligence%20Community) and prohibited the DNI from serving as the CIA Director or the head of any other [Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Community) element at the same time. In addition, the law required the CIA Director to "report" his agency's activities to the DNI.

Critics say compromises during the bill's crafting led to the establishment of a DNI whose powers are too weak to adequately lead, manage and improve the performance of the US Intelligence Community. In particular, the law left the [United States Department of Defense](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Department_of_Defense%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Department%20of%20Defense) in charge of the [National Security Agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Security_Agency%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Security%20Agency) (NSA), the [National Reconnaissance Office](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Reconnaissance_Office%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Reconnaissance%20Office) (NRO), and the [National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Geospatial-Intelligence_Agency%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Geospatial-Intelligence%20Agency). (The limited DNI role in leading the US Intelligence Community is discussed in the [Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Intelligence%20Community) article.)

On [February 17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_17), [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005), President [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush%22%20%5Co%20%22George%20W.%20Bush) named U.S. [Ambassador](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambassador%22%20%5Co%20%22Ambassador) to [Iraq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq%22%20%5Co%20%22Iraq) [John Negroponte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Negroponte) to the post, pending [confirmation by the Senate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Senate%22%20%5Cl%20%22Appointments%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Senate). It was reported that President Bush's first choice for Director of National Intelligence was former [Director of Central Intelligence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_Central_Intelligence%22%20%5Co%20%22Director%20of%20Central%20Intelligence) [Robert M. Gates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_M._Gates), who was serving as president of [Texas A&M University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_A%26M_University%22%20%5Co%20%22Texas%20A%26M%20University); however, Gates declined the offer.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_National_Intelligence#_note-4#_note-4) Negroponte was confirmed by a Senate vote of 98 to 2 in favor of his appointment on April 21, 2005, and was sworn in by President Bush on that day.

On February 13, 2007, [Negroponte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Negroponte%22%20%5Co%20%22Negroponte) was sworn in as [Deputy Secretary of State](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deputy_Secretary_of_State%22%20%5Co%20%22Deputy%20Secretary%20of%20State), and [John Michael McConnell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Michael_McConnell%22%20%5Co%20%22John%20Michael%20McConnell) became the 2nd Director of National Intelligence.

**Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)**

The [Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Reform_and_Terrorism_Prevention_Act_of_2004%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Reform%20and%20Terrorism%20Prevention%20Act%20of%202004) established the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) as an [independent agency](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent_agencies_of_the_United_States_government%22%20%5Co%20%22Independent%20agencies%20of%20the%20United%20States%20government) to assist the DNI. The budget for the [ODNI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ODNI%22%20%5Co%20%22ODNI) — and the [Intelligence Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_Community%22%20%5Co%20%22Intelligence%20Community) in general — are [classified](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classified%22%20%5Co%20%22Classified). The [ODNI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ODNI%22%20%5Co%20%22ODNI) has about 1,500 employees. The [National Counterterrorism Center](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Counterterrorism_Center%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Counterterrorism%20Center) is a major organization within the ODNI.

On [March 23](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_23%22%20%5Co%20%22March%2023), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007), DNI [Mike McConnell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Michael_McConnell%22%20%5Co%20%22John%20Michael%20McConnell) announced organizational changes, which include:

* elevating acquisition to a new Deputy DNI position
* creating a new Deputy DNI for Policy, Plans, and Requirements (replacing the Deputy DNI for Requirements position)
* establishing an Executive Committee
* designating the Chief of Staff position as the new Director of the Intelligence Staff. The chart below shows the ODNI's organization, as of May 2007.

Organizational chart as of October 2007

**Director of the Intelligence Staff**

The Office of the Director of the Intelligence Staff (DIS) is responsible for synchronizing and integrating efforts across the DNI staff and components. Offices that fall under the DIS include:

* Executive Secretary, Office of the Executive Secretariat
* Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
* Director, Office of Public Affairs
* Director, Office of Administration
* Director, Protocol Office
* Director, Watch Office

**DDNI for Collection**

The Office of the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection was established to coordinate collection throughout the Intelligence Community under the authorities of the DNI and ensure that the National Intelligence Strategy (NIS) priorities are appropriately reflected in future planning and systems acquisition decisions.

The Office of the DDNI for Collection looks across the entire collection business enterprise to develop corporate understanding of needs, requirements, and capabilities to ensure that a holistic view is taken on current and future collection systems. The Deputy Director for Collection brings together key IC stakeholders to get senior level insight into issues.[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_National_Intelligence#_note-6#_note-6)

The DDNI for Collection is supported by four Assistant Deputies:

* Assistant DDNI for Collection Strategies
* Assistant DDNI for Human Intelligence
* Assistant DDNI for Open Source
* Assistant DDNI for Technical Means

**DDNI for Analysis**

Primary authority for analytic activities rests with the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis, who is also the Chairman of the [National Intelligence Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Intelligence_Council%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Intelligence%20Council). As of March 2007, there are six Assistant Deputy Directors for Analysis (ADDNI/A):[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_National_Intelligence#_note-7#_note-7)

* ADDNI/A for the National Intelligence Council (also Vice Chairman, NIC)
* ADDNI/A for the [President's Daily Brief](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President%27s_Daily_Brief%22%20%5Co%20%22President%27s%20Daily%20Brief)
* ADDNI/A for Analytic Mission Management
* ADDNI/A for Analytic Integrity and Standards (also the Analytic Ombudsman)
* ADDNI/A for Analytic Transformation and Technology (also the Chief Technology Officer)
* ADDNI/A for Community Support.

**Directors of National Intelligence**

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| [John Negroponte](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Negroponte) | [April 21](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_21), [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005)–[February 13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_13), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007) | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [John Michael McConnell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Michael_McConnell) | [February 13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_13), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007)–Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |

**Principal Deputy Directors of National Intelligence**

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| [Gen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_%28United_States%29) [Michael Hayden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Hayden) | [April 21](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_21), [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005)–[May 26](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_26), [2006](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006) | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [LTG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_General_%28United_States%29) [Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_L._Burgess%2C_Jr.) (Acting) | June 2006–January 2007 | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [Donald Kerr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Kerr) | October 2007-Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |

**Directors of the Intelligence Staff**

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| [LTG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_General_%28United_States%29) [Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_L._Burgess%2C_Jr.) | May 2007–Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |

**Deputy Directors of National Intelligence**

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| [Thomas Fingar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Fingar) | Analysis | May 2005-Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [Glenn A. Gaffney](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Glenn_A._Gaffney&action=edit) | Collection | January 2008-Present[[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Director_of_National_Intelligence#_note-11#_note-11) | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [David Shedd](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=David_Shedd&action=edit) | Policy, Plans and Requirements | May 2007-Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |
| [Alden Munson](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Alden_Munson&action=edit) | Acquisition | May 2007-Present | [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush) |