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# Director of Central Intelligence Directive 2/3

## Authorities and Responsibilities of the National Intelligence Council and the National Intelligence Officers

(Effective 27 May 1999)

This directive is promulgated pursuant to Sections 102 and 103 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and Executive Order 12333. These authorities are reflected in [Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/1](#), "The Authorities and Responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence as Head of the U.S. Intelligence Community."

### **1. Purpose.**

This directive sets forth the responsibilities of the National Intelligence Council (NIC), including its mission, composition, and functions. The directive also addresses the role of National Intelligence Officers (NIOs) and the support the NIC may require from the Intelligence Community (IC).

### **2. Policy.**

The NIC supports the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), policymakers, and military decisionmakers by performing the following national intelligence functions:

Producing National Intelligence Estimates and other estimative products that reflect the views of the IC as a whole on key national security issues;

Warning of foreign strategic threats to US persons and interests;

Engaging with intelligence consumers in order to apprise them of the Community's thinking and to ascertain their intelligence needs;

Evaluating the Community's analytic and collection capabilities and recommending priorities in these areas, in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence (ADCI) for Collection and the ADCI for Analysis and Production; and,

Fostering analytic collaboration within the Community and undertaking initiatives to improve analytic expertise, in part by engaging centers of expertise outside the Community.

### **3. Responsibilities.**

#### **CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are appointed by the DCI and shall manage the NIC. The functions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman include:

Formulation and implementation of the NIC budget;

Submission of candidates for NIO positions for approval by the DCI;

Evaluation of the performance of each NIO; and

Approval of NIC products, and development and

execution of a production plan.

The Chairman works closely with--or may serve concurrently as--the ADCI for Analysis and Production.

#### NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS:

The NIOs, who are appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the DCI, are acknowledged authorities in their areas of competence. The NIOs draw on their own expertise, that of the Community, and that found elsewhere to pursue their work. Specific duties of the NIOs include:

Advising the DCI on their areas of expertise;

Producing estimative products;

Interacting regularly with and supporting senior consumers of intelligence;

Engaging with outside experts and centers of information;

Supporting the DCI, the Deputy DCI (DDCI), the DDCI for Community Management, the ADCI for Analysis and Production, the ADCI for Collection and the ADCI for Military Support in the performance of their Community management responsibilities;

Promoting close collaboration among IC analytic producers on strategic warning and other issues;

Articulating substantive priorities to guide intelligence collection, production, evaluation, and procurement;  
and,

Overseeing the activities of selected DCI advisory panels and collaborating with DCI production committees under NIC cognizance.

#### NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL STAFFS:

The National Warning Staff assists the National Intelligence Officer for Warning in pursuing the duties as outlined in DCID 6/1.

The Evaluation Staff assists the Chairman in evaluating and helping to prioritize the Community's analytic and collection capabilities.

#### **4. Support from the Intelligence Community.**

The Chairman or the responsible NIO may request Community production organizations to make available analytical support for the drafting of Estimates and other NIC products.

#### **5. DCI Discretionary Authority.**

The mission, size, and composition of the NIC are adjustable at the discretion of the DCI to meet his or her needs as the principal national intelligence adviser to the President and leader of the IC.

#### **6. Applicability.**

Unless renewed, this DCID will expire five years from its effective date.

[signed: George J. Tenet]  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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