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Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper announced today the establishment of the [National Counterintelligence and Security Center](#). National Counterintelligence Executive William "Bill" Evanina will assume the additional role as the NCSC Director.

DNI Clapper said the establishment of the NCSC is the next step in the effective integration of counterintelligence and security missions under a single organization structure.

"The establishment of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center supports our effort to ensure counterintelligence and security are addressed as interdependent and mutually supportive disciplines," said Director Clapper. "These disciplines have shared objectives and responsibilities associated with the protection of information, sources and methods."

The NCSC will carry out the counterintelligence responsibilities of the NCIX and the Office of the National Counterintelligence and fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002.

The organization of the NCSC aligns with similar centers within the ODNI such as the National Counterproliferation Center and the National Counterterrorism Center.

Questions regarding the NCSC should be directed to Gene Barlow, NCSC public affairs officer at 703-275-2463.

Background:

After his confirmation in August 2010, DNI Clapper began restructuring the ODNI with an eye toward improving efficiency, eliminating redundancy and further integrating the core functions of the Intelligence Community. He began a series of mergers that included the organizations responsible for the oversight of security and counterintelligence across the federal government. The [Special Security Directorate](#) and the [Center for Security Evaluation](#)



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had distinct roles and responsibilities, but shared a common mission to safeguard the United States against intelligence threats. The merger in November 2010 of these entities with ONCIX has enhanced IC mission integration, strengthened the protection of national intelligence and saved money by enabling the consolidation of common functions. The establishment of the NCSC is the next step in the effective integration of counterintelligence and security missions under a single organization structure.

NCIX/ONCIX: The ONCIX and NCIX were established by statute and will not be replaced by the NCSC. The Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002 established the NCIX as the head of the ONCIX and made the NCIX responsible for counterintelligence and security for the United States government. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 aligned the NCIX and ONCIX with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The NCIX sets the priorities for counterintelligence collection, investigations, and operations, and conducts in-depth espionage damage assessments. To ensure the effectiveness of these programs, the NCIX also performs periodic reviews of all U.S. counterintelligence programs, evaluates progress against strategic and budgetary goals, and makes fiscal recommendations to the DNI.

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