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Introduction

This report provides three tables that list the names of those who have served in presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions in the Intelligence Community (IC) during the last twenty years. It provides a comparative perspective of both those holding IC PAS positions who have been confirmed by the Senate and those serving in these positions in an acting capacity during the Administrations of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald Trump.

Senate confirmation of nominees for specified senior positions, which is provided for in Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution, is an important means by which Congress conducts oversight of the executive branch. Oversight of the IC can be particularly important because the classified nature of intelligence operations and analysis restricts the ability to monitor U.S. intelligence to three bodies: Congress, independent inspectors general of the IC and IC agencies, and the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB). Experts argue that, of the three, congressional oversight enables the greatest degree of public transparency into the activities of the 18 separate IC elements. They note that these activities cost taxpayers approximately 85 billion dollars annually,¹ and congressional oversight helps to ensure that U.S. intelligence activities are effective, responsive to identifiable national security objectives, independent of politics, and operate within the law.

Historically, officials have either served in an acting capacity near the end of a presidential term after Senate confirmed officials resign, or upon an unforeseen resignation of a Senate-confirmed official. The Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-277, the Vacancies Act) generally governs acting service in Senate-confirmed positions. Although most officials serving in an acting capacity do so for a relatively short time, some have done so for longer. The Vacancies Act usually allows acting officials to serve for an initial period of 210 days, and potentially much longer if the President submits a nomination to the Senate. Specifically, the Vacancies Act authorizes acting service during the time a nomination is pending in the Senate. If the Senate rejects the nomination, or if it is withdrawn or returned, a second period of 210 days for acting service can ensue. If the President submits a second nomination for the office, then acting officials may continue to serve during the pendency of that nomination. If the second nomination is rejected, withdrawn, or returned, that triggers a final period authorizing acting service for 210 days.²

The tables below show that the Trump Administration relied on senior officials serving in an acting capacity in IC PAS positions more often than the Obama and George W. Bush Administrations. Some have suggested the Trump Administration's more frequent dependence upon politically loyal officials serving in an acting capacity impeded congressional oversight by circumventing Senate confirmation and made the IC less transparent about the nature of threats to national security. Those with this point of view assert that the appointment of acting officials was part of a broader effort by the Trump Administration to subvert the independent analysis of the IC. Others have defended Trump Administration intelligence appointments as appropriate for introducing different perspectives to an entrenched, insular bureaucracy, and making intelligence more responsive to the priorities of the President.

¹ For FY2021 \$85B were requested for the two programs comprising the IC budget, \$61.9B for the National Intelligence Program (NIP), and \$23.1B for the Military Intelligence Program (MIP). See the U.S. Intelligence Community Budget, at <https://www.dni.gov/index.php/what-we-do/ic-budget>.

² For more on the Vacancies Act, see CRS Report R44997, *The Vacancies Act: A Legal Overview*, by Valerie C. Brannon.

Methodology

CRS has derived the information in the tables from the public domain. In a number of instances, the end dates of service could not be determined. The notes below each table provide context to the service of each listed official.

The table does not include information on the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) or the heads of the service intelligence elements within the Department of Defense (DOD). The Director of DIA is a position held by a three-star military officer and rotates between Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines approximately every three years. While the position of DIA Director is not Senate confirmed, as a general officer serving as DIA Director, this individual is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with 10 U.S.C. §601. Similarly, the heads of the DOD service intelligence elements are not Senate confirmed per their intelligence position but as general or flag officers in accordance with 10 U.S.C. §601.

Table I. George W. Bush Administration-era Nominees for IC PAS Positions

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Director, Central Intelligence ^a	George J. Tenet ^b	Continued (07/1997–07/2004)
	John E. McLaughlin	Acting (07/2004–09/2004)
	Porter J. Goss	Confirmed (9/2004–04/2005)
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence	John E. McLaughlin ^c	Confirmed (10/2000–11/2004)
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management ^d	Larry C. Kindsvater	Confirmed (07/2004–undetermined)
Director, CIA	Porter J. Goss	Position established (04/2005–05/2006)
	Gen Michael V. Hayden	Confirmed (05/2006–02/2009)
General Counsel, CIA	John A. Rizzo ^e	Acting (11/2001–10/2002)
	Scott W. Muller	Confirmed (10/2002–07/2004)
	John A. Rizzo	Acting (08/2004–06/2009)
Inspector General, CIA	Rebecca Donegan	Acting (01/2001–undetermined)
	George Clark	Acting Deputy IG (01/2002–undetermined)
	John L. Helgerson	Confirmed (04/2002–03/2009)
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, DOD ^f	Stephen Cambone	Confirmed (03/2003–12/2006)
	James R. Clapper	Confirmed (04/2007–08/2010)
Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, DHS	Frank Libutti ^g	Confirmed (06/2003–01/2005)
Director of National Intelligence	John Negroponte	Confirmed (04/2005–02/2007)
	J. Michael McConnell	Confirmed (02/2007–01/2009)

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence ^h	Lt Gen Michael V. Hayden	Confirmed (04/2005–05/2006)
	Ronald L. Burgess Jr.	Acting (05/2006–10/2007)
	Donald Kerr	Confirmed (10/2007–01/2009)
Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence	Dale W. Meyerrose ⁱ	Confirmed (12/2005–09/2008)
General Counsel for the Intelligence Community ⁱ	Benjamin A. Powell	Confirmed (04/2006–02/2009)
Director, National Counterterrorism Center ^k	John S. Redd	Confirmed (07/2005–11/2007)
	Michael E. Leiter	Acting (11/2007–06/2008)
	Michael E. Leiter	Confirmed (06/2008–07/2011)
Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	VADM Robert B. Murrett ^l	Confirmed (sworn in 07/2006–08/2010)
Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Justice Department. ^m	Kenneth L. Wainstein	Confirmed (09/2006–03/2008)
	J. Patrick Rowan	Confirmed (09/2008–01/2009)
Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, State Department.	Carl W. Ford Jr.	Confirmed (entry on duty 06/2001–10/2003)
	Thomas Fingar	Acting (2003–2004)
	Thomas Fingar	Confirmed (07/2004–06/2005)
	Carol A. Rodley	Acting (06/2005–12/2005)
	Randall M. Fort	Confirmed (entry on duty 11/2006–01/2009)
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, Treasury Department. ⁿ	Janice B. Gardner	Confirmed (sworn in 09/2005–undetermined)

Source: Created by CRS, using data from Congress.gov nomination records, government websites, and news sources.

Notes: Cont. = continued service from prior administration. For all confirmed positions, beginning date of service is the date confirmed, unless stated otherwise. For those serving in an acting capacity, beginning dates of service are the dates sworn into office. CIA = Central Intelligence Agency, DOD = Department of Defense, DHS = Department of Homeland Security, and NSA = National Security Agency. GEN = an Army General, Gen = an Air Force General, Lt Gen = an Air Force Lieutenant General, and VADM = a Vice Admiral.

- a. Enacted in the wake of the 9/11 Commission Report, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA) of 2004 (P.L. 108-458) established in 2005 the position of Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and abolished the position of Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (D/CIA) had served concurrently as DCI. From September 2004 until April 2005, Porter J. Goss served as the last D/CIA to be dual hatted as DCI. In April 2005, he retained his position as D/CIA, becoming the first Director of the agency who did not also represent the entire Intelligence Community. Goss received Senate confirmation for the position of DCI and did not have to be confirmed again when he relinquished DCI duties. John Negroponte became the first DNI.

- b. George Tenet resigned as D/CIA voluntarily, though at a time of intense scrutiny of the agency and the Intelligence Community generally, in the aftermath of the attacks of 9/11, faulty intelligence on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and CIA's use of "enhanced interrogation methods" on detainees during the War on Terror. John McLaughlin served as acting D/CIA for several months under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act until Porter Goss was sworn in as D/CIA on September 24, 2005.
- c. Ending date is the date that John McLaughlin announced his resignation. It may not be his last day in office.
- d. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management was the senior official in the Office of Central Intelligence after the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.
- e. In March 2006, President Bush nominated John A. Rizzo to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. The nomination was withdrawn in September 2007.
- f. The position of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)) was created by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003.
- g. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Information Analysis was originally established by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 as the Directorate for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection. Frank Libutti became the first and only Senate-confirmed Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security. He announced his resignation in December 2004, to be effective in January/February 2005.
- h. After passage of the IRTPA of 2004, President Bush nominated John D. Negroponte as the first DNI and U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden as the first Principal Deputy DNI, promoting him to General. On April 21, 2005, Negroponte and Hayden were sworn in and the Office of the DNI began operations the next day.
- i. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 established the position of the Director of National Intelligence and the supporting Office of the DNI. Following that, the Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer position was established through the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2005. Dr. Dale W. Meyerrose was the first presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed Chief Information Officer for ODNI.
- j. Enacted in the wake of the 9/11 Commission Report, the IRTPA of 2004 (P.L. 108-458) established the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), which also includes the Office of the General Counsel. Benjamin A. Powell was confirmed by the Senate as the first General Counsel of ODNI.
- k. The IRTPA of 2004 renamed the Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) as the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) under the DNI. In 2005, John S. Redd became the first Senate-confirmed NCTC director.
- l. An individual nominated for director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), is presidentially appointed if a civilian; is presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed if active duty military by virtue of his or her military rank. Prior to VADM Murrett, Retired Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper served as Director of the NGA from 2001–2006 as a civilian.
- m. The National Security Division (NSD) was created in March 2006 by the USA PATRIOT Reauthorization and Improvement Act (P.L. 109-177). The NSD commenced operations upon the swearing in of the first Assistant Attorney General for National Security.
- n. The Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA) of 2004 established the Department of the Treasury's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA). Janice B. Gardner was Senate-confirmed as the first Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis in 2005.

Table 2. Obama Administration-era Nominees for IC PAS Positions

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Director, CIA	Leon E. Panetta	Confirmed (02/2009–06/2011)
	Michael Morell	Acting (07/2011–09/2011)
	David Petraeus ^a	Confirmed (sworn in 09/2011–11/2012)
	Michael Morell	Acting (11/2012–03/2013)
	John O. Brennan	Confirmed (03/2013–01/2017)
General Counsel, CIA	John A. Rizzo	Cont. Acting (2004–06/2009)
	Stephen W. Preston	Confirmed (sworn in 07/2009–10/2013)
	Robert J. EATINGER	Acting (10/2013–03/2014)
	Caroline Diane Krass	Confirmed (03/2014–05/2017)
Inspector General, CIA	John L. Helgeson	Cont. (04/26/2002–03/2009)
	Patricia Lewis	Acting (04/2009–10/2010)
	David B. Buckley	Confirmed (sworn in 10/2010–01/2015)
	Christopher R. Sharpley	Acting (02/2015–08/2018)
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, DOD	James R. Clapper	Cont. (04/2007–08/2010)
	Michael G. Vickers	Acting (01/2011–03/2011)
	Michael G. Vickers	Confirmed (03/2011–04/2015)
	Marcel Lettre	Acting (05/2015–12/2015)
	Marcel Lettre	Confirmed (12/2015–01/2017)
Under Secretary for Intelligence & Analysis, DHS ^b	Bart R. Johnson	Acting (05/2009–02/2010)
	Caryn A. Wagner	Confirmed (02/2010–12/2012)
	William E. Tarry Jr.	Acting (2013–2013)
	John D. Cohen	Acting (2013–2014)
	Francis X. Taylor	Confirmed (04/2014–01/2017)
Director of National Intelligence	Dennis C. Blair ^c	Confirmed (01/2009–05/2010)
	David C. Gompert	Acting (05/2010–08/2010)
	James R. Clapper	Confirmed (08/2010–1/2017)
Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence	Ronald L. Burgess Jr.	Acting (01/2009–02/2009)
	LTG John F. Kimmons	Acting (02/2009–undetermined)
	David C. Gompert	Confirmed (11/2009–08/2010)
	Stephanie O'Sullivan	Confirmed (02/2011–01/2017)

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence	Dale W. Meyerrose	Cont. (12/2005–09/2008)
	Priscilla E. Guthrie ^d	Confirmed (05/2009–11/2010)
Inspector General, Intelligence Community ^e	I. Charles McCullough III	Confirmed (11/2011–03/2017)
General Counsel for the Intelligence Community	Benjamin A. Powell	Cont. (04/2006–02/2009)
	Corin R. Stone	Acting (02/2009–undetermined)
	Robert S. Litt	Confirmed (06/2009–01/2017)
Director, National Counterterrorism Center	Matthew G. Olsen ^f	Confirmed (08/2011–07/2014)
	Nicholas J. Rasmussen	Confirmed (12/2014–12/2017)
Inspector General, NRO ^g	Susan S. Gibson	Confirmed (09/2016–present)
Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency ^h	VADM Robert B. Murrett	Cont. (sworn in 07/07/2006–07/2010)
Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Justice Department	Matthew G. Olsen	Acting (01/2009–03/2009)
	David S. Kris	Confirmed (03/2009–03/2011)
	Lisa O. Monaco	Confirmed (06/2011–03/2013)
	John P. Carlin	Confirmed (04/2014–10/2016)
	Mary B. McCord	Acting (2016–2017)
	John Dinger	Acting (2009–02/2010)
Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), State Department	Philip S. Goldberg	Confirmed (02/2010–11/2013)
	Daniel B. Smith	Confirmed (02/2014–10/2018)
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, Treasury Department	S. Leslie Ireland	Confirmed (06/2010–11/2016)

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- a. David Petraeus resigned as Director, CIA, in the aftermath of media revelations of an extramarital affair.
- b. Charles E. Allen served as Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis from late 2007 to January 20, 2009, during the time when the DHS' Office of Intelligence and Analysis was renamed. However, the position at the time was not a Senate-confirmed position. President Obama nominated Philip Mudd for Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security on May 4, 2009. The White

- House withdrew the nomination on July 6, 2009. Caryn Wagner was then nominated on October 26, 2009, and confirmed by the Senate on February 11, 2010.
- c. Dennis Blair resigned as DNI at the request of President Obama. Media reporting cites a number of factors including issues related to the sharing of intelligence and DNI authority over the Chiefs of Station that may have led to the President’s loss of confidence in Blair. President Obama nominated General James Clapper as DNI on June 5, 2010. For more information, see <https://www.washingtonian.com/2010/05/21/scrap-the-intelligence-chief/>.
 - d. Priscilla E. Guthrie is the last person who was Senate-confirmed for the position of Chief Information Officer, ODNI. Section 404 of the FY2010 Intelligence Authorization Act (P.L. 111-259) eliminated the requirement that the IC CIO be confirmed by the Senate while retaining the requirement that the IC CIO be appointed by the President. The FY2020 NDAA (P.L. 116-92) required the IC CIO to be appointed by the Director of ODNI (i.e., no longer by the President).
 - e. The Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA) for FY2010 created the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) within the ODNI in October 2010. Irvin Charles McCullough III was the first Senate-confirmed ICIG.
 - f. Ending date is the date that Matthew G. Olsen submitted his resignation. It may not indicate his last day of service.
 - g. The positions of Director and Inspector General of the National Security Agency (NSA) and the positions of Director and Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) became appointments requiring Senate confirmation under the IAA for FY2014 (P.L. 113-126). As incumbents, ADM Michael S. Rogers (Director, NSA from 2014–2018) and Betty Sapp (Director, NRO from 2012–2019) continued to serve without Senate confirmation. The Senate confirmation process occurred when their successors were nominated.
 - h. For the director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA): If the individual is a civilian, he or she is presidentially appointed; if active duty military, the individual is presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed by virtue of his or her military rank. Following VADM Murrett, Letitia Long served as Director from 2010–2014 and Robert Cardillo as Director from 2014–2019, both served as civilians, presidentially appointed.

Table 3. Trump Administration Nominees for IC PAS Positions

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Director, CIA	Mike Pompeo	Confirmed (01/2017–04/2018)
	Gina Haspel	Acting (04/2018–05/2018) Confirmed (05/2018–1/2021)
General Counsel, CIA	Caroline Diane Krass	Cont. (03/2014–05/2017)
	Courtney S. Elwood	Confirmed (06/2017–01/2021)
Inspector General, CIA	Christopher R. Sharpley	Cont. Acting (02/2015–08/2018)
	Christine Ruppert	Acting (08/2018 –present)
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, DOD ^a	Todd Lowery	Acting (01/2017–06/2017)
	Kari A. Bingen	Acting (06/2017–11/2017)
	Joseph D. Kernan ^b	Confirmed (11/2017–11/2020)
Under Secretary for Intelligence & Analysis, DHS	Ezra Cohen-Watnick	Acting (11/2020–1/2021)
	David J. Glawe	Acting (01/2017–03/2017)
	Patricia F.S. Cogswell	Acting (03/2017–08/2017)
	David J. Glawe	Confirmed (08/2017–05/2020)
	Brian Murphy ^c	Acting (05/2020–8/2020)

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Director of National Intelligence	Joseph B. Maher ^d	Acting (08/2020–01/2021)
	Mike Dempsey	Acting (01/2017–03/2017)
	Daniel Coats ^e	Confirmed (03/2017–08/2019)
	Joseph Maguire ^f	Acting (08/2019–02/2020)
	Richard Grenell	Acting (02/2020–05/2020)
Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence	John L. Ratcliffe	Confirmed (05/2020–01/2021)
	Susan M. Gordon ^g	Confirmed (08/2017–08/2019)
	Andrew P. Hallman ^h	Acting (10/2019–02/2020)
Inspector General, Intelligence Community	Neil Wiley ^h	Acting (05/2020–02/2021)
	I. Charles McCullough III	Cont. (11/2011–03/2017)
	Wayne Stone	Acting (03/2017–05/2018)
General Counsel for the Intelligence Community	Michael K. Atkinson ⁱ	Confirmed (05/2018–05/2020, on leave: 04/2020–05/2020)
	Thomas Monheim ⁱ	Acting (04/2020–present)
	Bradley Brooker	Acting (01/2017–08/2018)
	Jason Klitenic	Confirmed (08/01/2018–03/2020)
Director, National Counterterrorism Center	Bradley Brooker	Acting (03/03/2020–present)
	Nicholas J. Rasmussen	Cont. (12/16/2014–12/2017)
	Russell Travers	Acting (12/2017–12/2018)
Director, National Counterintelligence and Security Center	Joseph Maguire	Confirmed (12/2018–08/2019)
	Russell Travers ^k	Acting (08/2019–03/2020)
	Lora Shiao	Acting (04/2020–08/2020)
	Christopher C. Miller ^l	Confirmed (08/2020–11/2020)
	Steve Vanech	Acting (11/2020–present)
	William R. Evanina ^m	Confirmed (05/2020–01/2021)
Director, NSA	LTG Paul M. Nakasone ⁿ	Confirmed (sworn in 05/2018–present)
Inspector General, NSA	Robert P. Storch ^o	Confirmed (sworn in 01/2018–present)
Director, NRO	Christopher Scolese ⁿ	Confirmed (sworn in 08/2019–present)
Inspector General, NRO	Susan S. Gibson ⁿ	Cont. (09/2016–present)
Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	VADM Robert D. Sharp ^p	Confirmed (sworn in 02/2019–present)

Position Title	Name	Confirmed or Acting (Time in Service)
Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Justice Department	Mary B. McCord	Acting (2016–2017)
	John C. Demers	Confirmed (02/2018–present)
Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, State Department	Daniel B. Smith	Cont. (02/2014–10/2018)
	Ellen E. McCarthy	Confirmed (01/2019–01/2021)
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, Treasury Department	Isabel Marie Keenan Patelunas	Confirmed (sworn in 09/2018–01/2021)

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- a. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2020 (P.L. 116-92) redesignated the position as Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)), codified under 10 U.S.C. 137 note.
- b. Ending date is the date that Joseph Kernan submitted his resignation and may not be his last day in office. Joseph Kernan submitted his resignation letter on November 10, 2020.
- c. Brian Murphy was reassigned after it was reported that the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis had collected information involving members of the press. For more information, see <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/01/us/politics/brian-murphy-homeland-security-protesters.html>.
- d. During this period, Joseph Maher’s position was called the Principal Deputy General Counsel and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.
- e. Dan Coats’ resignation reportedly was precipitated by President Trump’s widely publicized disagreements over Intelligence Community assessments, particularly those related to Russia’s interference in the 2016 presidential election, North Korea’s resolve to continue its nuclear program, and Iran’s compliance (at the time) with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). For more information, see <https://www.chicagotribune.com/nation-world/ct-nw-dan-coates-resignation-20190728-uph43bb2cvaxrkpqosbpnjdym-story.html>.
- f. Joseph Maguire served as acting DNI during the time beginning when President Trump first nominated Representative John Ratcliffe for the position on July 28, 2019, through his withdrawal of Ratcliffe’s nomination on August 4, 2019. Joseph Maguire was serving under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (the Vacancies Act), which authorizes acting service for up to 210 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, and longer if the President submits a nomination. President Trump reportedly removed Maguire after learning that the acting DNI’s Election Threats Executive had briefed, without President Trump’s knowledge, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on IC assessments of Russia’s objectives in interfering in the 2020 presidential election. After Maguire’s resignation on February 19, 2020, after serving for 188 days, President Trump named Richard Grenell as acting DNI on February 20, 2020. Grenell was apparently serving under the Vacancies Act, which authorized acting service for the rest of the 210 day period, as well as the period from the time President Trump renominated John Ratcliffe for the position of DNI on February 28, 2020, until Ratcliffe’s May 21, 2020, Senate confirmation and swearing in on May 26, 2020, a total of 105 days. The total number of days of service for the two acting DNIs was 293 days. For more information on Maguire’s resignation, see <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/21/politics/joseph-maguire-director-of-national-intelligence/index.html>. For more on the Vacancies Act, see CRS Report R44997, *The Vacancies Act: A Legal Overview*, by Valerie C. Brannon.
- g. Susan Gordon tendered her resignation as PDDNI after President Trump decided against naming her as acting DNI upon the resignation of Daniel Coats as DNI. Instead, President Trump chose NCTC director Joseph Maguire as acting DNI, and appointed a Principal Executive to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the PDDNI upon Gordon’s departure.

- h. Andrew P. Hallman and Neil Wiley were named Principal Executive at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), assuming the duties and responsibilities of the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence (PDDNI). CRS found no statutory provision for the position of Principal Executive at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, nor could CRS find a statutory provision requiring Senate confirmation for the position.
- i. President Trump removed Atkinson on April 3, 2020, over his disagreement with how Atkinson handled the whistleblower complaint that led to the first impeachment of President Trump. For more information, see <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52164706>.
- j. President Trump had nominated Allen Souza as Inspector General of the Intelligence Community on September 23, 2020. The nomination was returned on January 3, 2021, with the start of the 117th Congress.
- k. Russell Travers was reportedly removed by acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell. Reports indicate that he may have been offered a reassignment to another agency, but he chose to retire. For more information, see <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/07/09/travers-terrorism-warning-355734>.
- l. Miller departed NCTC in November 2020 to serve as acting Secretary of Defense after President Trump removed Mark Esper as Secretary of Defense, reportedly over his public opposition to invoking the Insurrection Act of 1807 in response to the summer 2020 protests over the death of George Floyd. For more information, see <https://www.chicagotribune.com/nation-world/ct-nw-defense-secretary-mark-esper-20201109-op4ri6c5qvbvdfasyia7bs57q-story.html>.
- m. William R. Evanina had served as the Director of NCSC within the ODNI since June 2, 2014. He became the first Senate-confirmed NCSC director in 2020, after Congress had made the position subject to Senate confirmation as of 2015. In February 2018, President Trump formally nominated Evanina to the directorship of the NCSC and on May 6, 2020, the Senate confirmed his nomination.
- n. The positions of Director and Inspector General of the National Security Agency (NSA) and the positions of Director and Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) became appointments requiring the advice and consent of the Senate under the FY2014 National Intelligence Authorization Act (P.L. 113-126). As incumbents, ADM Michael S. Rogers (Director, NSA from 2014–2018) and Betty Sapp (Director, NRO from 2012–2019) continued to serve and the Senate confirmation process occurred only when a new civilian nominee was named as Director of NRO.
- o. Robert Storch serves as the first presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed Inspector General at the National Security Agency. President Obama nominated him in November 2016 and in January 2017 to become Inspector General of NSA. President Trump renominated him for the position on June 19, 2017. The Senate confirmed Storch as IG on December 21, 2017.
- p. For the director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA): If the individual is a civilian, he or she is presidentially appointed; if active duty military, the individual is presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed by virtue of his or her military rank. Letitia Long served as Director from 2010-2014 and Robert Cardillo as Director from 2014-2019, both served as presidentially appointed civilians.

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