

Statement for the Record

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Nominee for Inspector General of the Intelligence Community

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Chairman Feinstein, Vice Chairman Chambliss, and distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to be the Inspector General for the Intelligence Community. I especially want to thank Senator Snowe, who has been a steadfast champion for the establishment of an ICIG.

I am deeply honored to have been nominated by the President for this position, and I am grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from Director Clapper.

I appreciate the opportunity to introduce my family. I would like to recognize my wife of 18 years, Kathalyn, and my two children, Chas and Victoria, who are here today along with my mother and step-father, my sister, and a few friends. I very much appreciate the support of my family and friends.

I have dedicated the past twenty years to public service in the Federal Government, and have been privileged to serve in a leadership capacity in law

enforcement, legal, and intelligence positions. I currently serve as the Deputy Inspector General for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and I spent eight years as the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations at the National Security Agency, where I supervised investigations involving intelligence programs and personnel around the world. I also served as the Senior Counsel for Law Enforcement and Intelligence at the U.S. Treasury Department, and I spent ten years working as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, handling foreign counterintelligence, counterterrorism, violent and white-collar crime, narcotics, and personnel misconduct matters. As a result of these experiences, I am well grounded in intelligence policy, management, and operations.

The Fiscal Year 2010 Intelligence Authorization Act provides the ICIG with statutory authority to conduct IC-wide audits, investigations, inspections and reviews. If confirmed, my primary goal will be to identify and address systemic risks, vulnerabilities, and deficiencies that cut across agency missions, in order to positively impact IC-wide economies and efficiencies. I recognize that, if I am confirmed, you will have high expectations for my performance in this regard, especially given the difficult overall budget climate now facing the IC and the larger Federal Government.

I believe it is critical that Congress be kept informed, and I want to express my commitment, if confirmed, to fully support the ICIG's notification and reporting obligations to the intelligence committees.

I am under no illusion that fulfilling the responsibilities of this new position will be easy. I fully comprehend that this job will require a great amount of diplomacy, discretion, and judgment. If confirmed, I pledge to do my very best to earn your trust and confidence.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today. I look forward to your questions.