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Joint Intelligence Community Council Meets

On Monday, June 25, 2007, the Joint Intelligence Community Council met at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The meeting addressed pressing issues of intelligence reform and attendees discussed the views of their department concerning many of the efforts outlined in the 100 Day Plan for Integration and Collaboration.

In addition to the DNI, attendees at Monday's meeting included:

- Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson
- Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates
- Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales
- Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff
- Deputy Secretary of State Ambassador John D. Negroponte
- Deputy Secretary of Energy Clay Sell
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Peter Pace

The meeting opened with Director of National Intelligence J. M. McConnell signing the Implementing Instructions for the IC's Civilian Joint Duty Program. The DNI has made civilian joint duty one of his highest priorities and a key part of his 100-Day Plan, and the implementing instructions represent an important Plan milestone, putting in place the administrative policies and procedures necessary to ensure an effective IC civilian joint duty program.

The signing was followed by an overview of Joint Duty and discussion of the way ahead for socialization and implementation within the IC now that the document has been signed. The group also discussed:

- the steps ODNI intends to initiate in order to clarify and strengthen the DNI's roles and authorities,
- the system-level approach toward modernizing the security clearance process that is being developed jointly by ODNI, DOD and OPM,
- ODNI efforts to revise and improve the process by which we develop priorities within the National Intelligence Priorities Framework, and
- how the Intelligence Collection Architecture process will be used to inform the budget decisions of the DNI.

The JICC is expected to reconvene in late summer or early fall.

The session marked DNI McConnell's first meeting as chairman of the JICC. The JICC was established as one of the IC reforms mandated by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and consists of the heads of each Department with an IC component. The JICC is charged with assisting the DNI "in developing and implementing a joint, unified national intelligence effort to protect national security." Its duties include "advising the Director on establishing requirements, developing budgets, financial management, and monitoring and evaluating the performance of the IC," and "ensuring the timely execution of programs, policies and directives established or developed by the Director."

The Joint Duty press release is available <u>here</u>. The signed copy Implementing Instructions for the IC's Civilian Joint Duty is available <u>here</u>.