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DNI Names New National Intelligence Officer for East Asia

Central Intelligence Agency Senior Analyst Dr. Paul J. Heer
Joins National Intelligence Council in Senior Leadership Position

The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) today announced the appointment of Dr. Paul J. Heer to the National Intelligence Council (NIC) as National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for East Asia.

Heer joins the NIC from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where he has served since 1983. A member of the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence's (DI) Senior Analytic Service, Heer most recently worked as a Senior Analyst in the CIA/DI's China Issue Group. Previously, he served as the chief of the China Political Assessments Team, and as a political and foreign policy analyst on China and Southeast Asia.

"Dr. Heer is one of the country's leading intelligence analysts on East Asia," said Director Mike McConnell. "His demonstrated expertise provides the NIC with additional capabilities on a dynamic region that offers tremendous challenges and opportunities for the United States."

Dr Heer was a Visiting Intelligence Fellow on the Council on Foreign Relations (1999-2000) and was elected a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations in 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa), a Master of Arts in History from the University of Iowa, and a Ph.D. in Diplomatic History from The George Washington University.

The NIC is the Intelligence Community's (IC) center for mid-and long-term strategic analysis. The NIC's NIO's are the Community's top experts in their field and are the DNI's most senior substantive advisors. NIOs are responsible for supporting the DNI in his many meetings with the President and other senior policy advisors, and they produce National Intelligence Estimates, the IC's most authoritative statement on issues of critical concern.

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