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Mark S. Chandler Deputy Director for Intelligence, J2

Mr. Chandler assumed duties as the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff J2 in May 2012. He is responsible for all aspects of the management and execution of the Joint Staff's intelligence support to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. He leads a team of professionals providing current and crisis intelligence, indications and warning, and intelligence insights and advice to operations, policy and plans, and acquisitions.

Prior to his assignment as Deputy Joint Staff J2, he served on the Office of Undersecretary of Intelligence staff as the Senior Advisor for Warfighter Support from May 2010 to May 2012. He was responsible for providing policy oversight, guidance and support to the Combatant Command J2s and their respective Joint Intelligence Operations Centers. He also was responsible for ensuring the Commands' operational requirements received the level and adequacy of intelligence support as could be provided by the Combat Support Agencies and other intelligence community organizations.

Prior to joining the USD/I staff, Mr Chandler was the Vice Deputy Director for Intelligence Operations, Plans and Policy, J25, and Chief of Current Operations and Plans Support Division Joint Staff, J2, from June 2007 to May 2010. He was pivotal in establishing operational planning, policy development and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance support to the CJCS and the Joint Staff. His assignment before moving to the Joint Staff was as Chief, Enemy Denial and Deception, Joint Warfare Support, DIA.

Prior to joining the Federal government, Mr Chandler was a key member of the initial standup of the Joint Forces Component Command, ISR (JFCC-ISR) from 2005 to 2006. He was the Senior Planner responsible for supporting COCOM Operational Support Planning and ISR Planning.

Mr. Chandler retired from the Marine Corps in 2005 after serving over 20 years as an intelligence officer. At the time of his retirement, he was the Branch Chief, Intelligence Plans and Policy, HQMC. While serving in the Marine Corps, he was stationed on both coasts, in the Pacific and Europe. His Service and Joint experience includes collection management, target intelligence and plans officer and analysis. He also served in multiple Executive Officer and Operations Officer billets at key points throughout his career. Mr. Chandler was fortunate to serve in Desert Shield/Storm as the I MEF Target Intelligence Officer. During the initial OEF operations he established the first-ever direct support to Marine and Army forces conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. During the planning and combat operations for OIF-I, he served as the I MEF G2 Operations Officer and MEF (Fwd) G2. He received numerous awards throughout his career, to include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star among them.

Mr. Chandler was born in Muscle Shoals, AL. He received his B.A. in Political Science from The University of Alabama, Huntsville, and his M. A. in International Relations from Troy University.

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