



## **Gil I. Klinger**

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Mr. Gil Klinger is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space and Intelligence within the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics where he is responsible for acquisition oversight of all space and intelligence programs executed by the Department of Defense.

Immediately prior to assuming leadership of SIO, Mr. Klinger was the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Architecture Engineering & Integration where he led Intelligence Community activities assessing the adequacy of the intelligence collection enterprise, identified shortfalls and solutions, managed teams focused on specific short- and long-term issues in response to Director of National Intelligence taskings, and provided domain and subject matter expertise to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence across a broad range of disciplines and collection areas.

Prior to his assignment at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Mr. Klinger was the Director of Space Policy, National Security Council Staff, where he was the lead member of the Executive Office of the President on all space issues. He is principal author of five national space policies, including the first new U.S. space exploration vision in more than a generation.

His previous assignments included serving as Director of Policy, National Reconnaissance Office; Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (DUSD) for Space, and the position of Principal Assistant (DUSD/Space), within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, where he received the 1997 Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award, one of the two highest awards given to civil servants within the U.S. government; Director, Space and Advanced Technology Strategy, also within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Staff Assistant, Deputy Director for Strategic Forces Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, where he was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the highest award given to civil servants within the Department of Defense.

Mr. Klinger began his career in government service with his competitive selection to the Presidential Management Internship Program with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Klinger graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Albany with an undergraduate degree in European History and Political Science. He received his master's degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mr. Klinger has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1992 and a member of the Senior Intelligence Service since 1999.

To his everlasting good fortune, Mr. Klinger is married to Ms. Susannah O'Donnell, a personal trainer, who grew up all over the world as part of a Foreign Service family. Gil, Susy, and their seven year old daughter Ainsley live in Sterling, along with Heidi the dog, Nittany the cat, and Bob and Cutie the turtles.

