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Dr. Steven P. Bucci, the Director of the Allison Center, is the Senior Fellow at the Heritage Foundation for all issues involving Homeland Security and Defense. He leads a team of analysts on all National and Homeland Security issues as well as regional issues for Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Eurasia. Additionally he is the strategy and thought leader, and serves as a Subject Matter Expert for Cyber Security, Special Operations, and Defense Support to Civil Authorities. Bucci brings over 30 years of leadership at the highest levels of our Government in response to all security threats to America. He is a recognized expert in the interagency process, the defense of U.S. interests, particularly with regard to critical infrastructure and the productive interplay of government and the private sector.

In his career, Bucci held key military leadership positions in the 82nd Airborne, the 5th & 7th Special Forces, and completed graduate study, language training, and regional orientation in the Balkans. At the JFK Special Warfare Center, Bucci taught European Studies, Foreign Policy, and International Relations. He conducted numerous counter drug and development missions across Latin America, was the first-ever resident Defense Attaché (human intel collection) in Tirana, Albania and was the Defense Attaché in Sarajevo. As the Commander, 3d Battalion of the 5th Special Forces, he led deployments to eastern Africa, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia, including Operation Desert Thunder.

Bucci assumed the duties of the Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld on 1 July 2001, saw the 9/11 attacks, the War on Terrorism, and led a team of 25 US military experts to Baghdad to directly assist the Coalition Provisional Authority. He daily reviewed all intelligence for the Secretary. Retired in 2005, Bucci continued to serve as the Staff Director of the Immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense.

He was next appointed to serve as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities, overseeing policy issues involving the Defense Domains (Air, Land, Maritime, & Cyber), National Guard domestic operational issues, domestic Counter Terrorism, all Readiness Exercises, and Defense response to natural and manmade disasters (e.g., floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and industrial accidents), acting as the primary civilian oversight of U.S. Northern Command.

After leaving government, Dr. Steven P. Bucci served as one of IBM's lead consultants for Cyber Security Policy, in IBM's Public Sector Team. He was the strategy and thought leadership driver for IBM's Cyber Security Campaign and served as a Subject Matter Expert to several Federal Cabinet Departments, and one of the company's primary briefers on IBM's cyber security policy point of view. He directly supported all of the Industry Accounts for IBM Global Business Services – Public Sector. These included; Defense & Intelligence, Homeland Security & Justice, General Government, State &

Local Government, and Healthcare. He was a member of the Cyber Coordinating Committee and an original Deputy Director of the IBM Institute for Advanced Security.

Bucci has published numerous articles on cyber security issues, as well as being the regular cyber contributor to Security Debrief, a leading national security blog. He speaks widely at cyber security, defense and homeland security related conferences and is sought after for his insights into leading edge policy issues. He is also an adjunct professor at George Mason Univ. in Leadership, and an Associate Professor at Long Island Univ. in Terrorism Studies and Cyber Security Policy. Additionally, he serves on the Advisory Board of MIT's Geospatial Data Center and is an advisor to the Prince of Wales/Prince Edward Fellows at MIT and Harvard.

Raised in Dobbs Ferry, NY, Bucci graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1977 with a B.S. in National Security. In 1986 and 1987, he earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, both in International Relations. Bucci graduated from the U.S. Army War College, the Hellenic Army War College in, Greece, and the Department of State Senior Seminar.

Dr. Bucci and his wife, the former Suzanne Sloane of Bettendorf, IA have two sons: Peter a psychologist and his wife Jennifer live in Harbor Springs, MI, and Philip, a Captain in the US Army and his wife Mary live in Columbia, SC .