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Mr. John Dixson is the Director for Defense Intelligence (Counterintelligence, Law Enforcement and Security) (CL&S), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (OUSD(I&S)). In this role, he is responsible for developing policy, overseeing policy implementation, and aligning resources and authorities for counterintelligence (CI), law enforcement, and security programs, operations, and activities across the Department.

Mr. Dixson began his career on active duty in the U.S. Army in 1982, serving in multiple CI tactical, strategic and special operations assignments across the United States, Asia and the Middle East (DESERT SHIELD/STORM). Following his retirement from active duty in 2002, Mr. Dixson began his civilian service career in multiple CI positions, and as the Senior Intelligence Oversight Inspector in the U.S. Army Inspector General Agency, Pentagon. In 2007, he returned to the Middle East and served as the Director of the Strategic CI Directorate-Iraq (SCID-I), Baghdad, during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2008, Mr. Dixson joined the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) where created and led the first DoD-level offensive CI operations capability, and later became DIA's Chief of the Office of CI, responsible for directing the full spectrum of CI activities. In 2020, as the DIA Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Dixson was responsible for guiding agency strategy, staff operations, policy development, and corporate communications. In 2021, Mr. Dixson was appointed as DIA's Director for Security where he was responsible for protecting agency people, property, information, and operations.

Mr. Dixson's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Superior Civilian Service Awards, the DoD CI Award (Special), and the DoD CI Award (Countering Covert and Clandestine Threats).

Mr. Dixson earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Management Studies from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Dixson is a native Floridian and resides near the National Capital Region with his wife and the youngest of three children.