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Previously Jamil served as SVP for a cybersecurity startup for six-and-a-half years as it went from a bootstrapped company to raising multiple rounds of venture capital, all the way through an IPO on the New York Stock Exchange, where he led strategy, technology partnerships, and corporate development. Jamil also served in a variety of senior national security roles in the federal government, including as an Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush, on the leadership teams of the Justice Department's National Security Division and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as on the senior staff of the House Intelligence Committee. In these roles, Jamil led the drafting of the nation's first cyber threat intelligence sharing legislation, quarterbacked efforts on surveillance, counterterrorism, and other national security matters, led DOJ's work on the President's Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative, and advised on intelligence collection and offensive cyber activities.

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