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From 2005 to 2009, Mr. Allen served at DHS as the Assistant Secretary for Information and Analysis and the Department’s first Under Secretary for Intelligence & Analysis. As DHS’s chief intelligence officer, Mr. Allen developed the department's intelligence architecture, integrated its intelligence activities, and ensured that they were continuously aligned with the department's evolving priorities. He also accelerated and expanded the Department's processes for sharing intelligence with state and local security and law enforcement officials.

Mr. Allen joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1958 and over the next five decades became a legend for his work ethic and plain-spokenness. His final post at CIA was as Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Collection from 1998 to 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Allen served as the principal adviser to the Director of Central Intelligence on collection management and chaired the National Intelligence Collection Board, which united all intelligence agencies under common collection strategies. Mr. Allen also served as the CIA's National Intelligence Officer for Warning, Director of the National Warning Staff, National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism and Deputy Chief for Intelligence of CIA's Counterterrorism Center. He directed the DCI Hostage Location Task Force, which focused on locating American hostages held by Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a distinguished graduate of the Air War College; he also did graduate studies at Auburn University.