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Dr. William Schneider, Jr. is a senior fellow of the Hudson Institute. Dr. Schneider served as Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science, and Technology. He previously served as Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget prior to be nominated as Under Secretary by President Ronald Reagan.

In addition, Dr. Schneider serves as an advisor to the U.S. Government in several capacities. He is currently an advisor to the Departments of Defense, Energy, and State as well as the intelligence community. As a U.S. Senate appointee, Dr. Schneider recently served as a member of the Congressional Advisory Panel

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Dr. Schneider's responsibilities at State included management of U.S. foreign economic and military assistance abroad, export control policy (including serving as Chairman of the Senior Interagency Group on the Transfer of Strategic Technology), international telecommunications and information policy (including serving as Chairman of the Senior Interagency Group on International Telecommunications and Information Policy), and supervision of U.S. science attaches posted at U.S. embassies.

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