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Mr. O'Connell is a leading analyst, scholar, and writer on national security and intelligence issues. For over three decades he has been deeply involved in identifying, analyzing, and helping manage emerging threats to the nation's interests, whether governmental or commercial. His prior U.S. government experience has included assignments with the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the National Security Council, Office of the Vice President, and the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence. He serves today as a senior consultant to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Mr. O'Connell is a recognized expert on the policy, security, and commercial aspects of satellite remote sensing technologies and markets. For over 20 years, Mr. O'Connell has been involved with commercial remote sensing, focusing on related policy, market, and security issues. He analyzed these issues while on the staff of the Director of Central Intelligence, as Executive Secretary and Staff Director of the Independent Commission on the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), while at RAND, and as an advisor to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. He was a long-standing member and, later, Chairman, of NOAA's federal advisory committee on commercial remote sensing, or ACCRES, between 2002 and mid-2016.

Mr. O'Connell is an author and co-editor of *Commercial Observation Satellites: at the Leading Edge of Global Transparency* (with John Baker and Ray Williamson, ASPRS/RAND, 2000). This book introduced the complex motives behind government and non-government pursuit of remote sensing capabilities, as well as the early insights on the security and intelligence implications of transparency. He has authored or co-authored a number of other articles, reports and monographs on commercial remote sensing activities. Mr. O'Connell is currently updating a 2011 study on "Alternative Futures: U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Industry in 2020."

Finally, Mr. O'Connell is a long-standing member of the adjunct faculty at Georgetown University, where he teaches a graduate course on comparing intelligence services.