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Mr. Neill Tipton serves as Director for Defense Intelligence, Collection and Special Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

Mr. Tipton has been with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence since 2007. He has held a broad range of leadership positions for the office: Director, Clandestine Operations, Global Access, and Mission Integration and Director, GEOINT and SIGINT Support; Director, Information Sharing and Partnership Engagement and IPT Lead for Information Sharing and Collaboration for the SECDEF's ISR Task Force; Deputy Director, SIGINT and Cyber; and as OUSDI Senior Advisor for Technical Collection.

During his tenure with OUSDI, he also served on detail as Deputy Director, Defense Technology Integration Program Office and to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as the Chief of the Collection Integration Group.

Prior to OUSDI, Mr. Tipton worked for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. While with NGA he held leadership positions principally focused on improving NGA's integration with other elements of the Intelligence Community and the DoD.

Mr. Tipton has more than 38 years of experience in the intelligence community, with extensive expertise in the management and conduct of SIGINT, MASINT, and GEOINT operations. His background includes a wide range of intelligence activities, including Army and joint operations, National intelligence operations at NSA and NGA, all-source analysis, and extensive oversight and policy activities.

Mr. Tipton retired from the US Army in 1999 after twenty years as a SIGINT specialist with assignments in Latin America, Germany, Korea, Operation Desert Storm, and multiple CONUS locations, including two tours at NSA.