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First Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis Retires

Dr. Thomas Fingar, the ODNI's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis, has announced plans to retire December 31, 2008 after 26 years in federal service.

Fingar, a former Assistant Secretary of State and head of the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, joined the ODNI in May 2005, one month after the office was stood up. As director of the Community's analysts, Fingar was responsible for efforts to "transform analysis" to ensure that decision makers have the best possible intelligence information. He led development of A-Space, the Library of National Intelligence, a Community-wide introductory course for new analysts, enhanced standards for analytic tradecraft and a revamped system for establishing national intelligence priorities.

Fingar also served as Chairman of the National Intelligence Council, with the President's Daily Briefing under his purview. In that role, Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell noted, Fingar took on the "vital task of restoring confidence in our analytic product."

"His hard work and quiet but extraordinary leadership have resorted confidence in this area at the highest level of government, and placed our Community on a clear path to continued success," McConnell said.

"We will miss Tom and his commitment, professionalism and perpetual good cheer, even in the face of sometimes daunting obstacles."

In January, Fingar plans to join the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University as Payne Distinguished Lecturer.

Dr. Peter Lavoy, former National Intelligence Officer for South Asia, succeeded Fingar as Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis and National Intelligence Council Chairman on December 1. Lavoy, a former Director of the Center for Counterproliferation Policy at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. His languages include Hindi, Urdu and French.

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