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NEW PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DNI CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Gompert Assumes Role Today

David C. Gompert officially joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence today as the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence following his Nov. 9 confirmation by the U.S. Senate. President Barack Obama nominated him for the position on Aug. 6, 2009.

The appointment makes Gompert the ODNI's second-highest-ranking official after Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair. The Principal Deputy DNI, who may act on the Director's behalf, assists the DNI in efforts to promote greater collaboration and information sharing among the 16 agencies that make up the Intelligence Community.

"Mr. Gompert's three decades as a consumer of national intelligence, and as a senior executive in the public and private sectors, will be of great value as we make the Community more integrated, agile and effective," Director Blair said. "His experience and analytic insights will certainly assist the ODNI and the IC at large in the ongoing push to transform the intelligence enterprise."

Gompert most recently worked as a senior fellow at the RAND Corp., a leading research organization that explores topics such as national security, terrorism, economic development and science and technology. Before that, he was a distinguished research professor at the National Defense University's Center for Technology and National Security Policy.

From 2003 to 2004, Gompert was the senior adviser for national security and defense to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq.

His other RAND experience included positions as president of RAND Europe, vice president of RAND Corp., faculty member of the Frederick S. Pardee RAND Graduate School and director of the National Defense Research Institute. Prior to leading the institute, Gompert was a special assistant to former President George H. W. Bush, as well as the senior director for Europe and Eurasia on the staff of the National Security Council from 1990 to 1993.

He held several positions at the State Department from 1975 to 1983, including deputy to the under secretary for political affairs, deputy director of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs and special assistant to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Gompert – who has published extensively on international affairs, national-security policy and information technology – also worked in the private sector for several years.

At Unisys from 1989 to 1990, he was president of the systems management group and vice president for strategic planning and corporate development. From 1983 to 1989, he was AT&T's vice president of civil sales and programs, and its director of international market planning.

Gompert has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, where he once served on the faculty, and a master of public affairs degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

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Mr. David C. Gompert (r.) is sworn in as Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence by ODNI Senior Adviser Mark W. Ewing at ODNI Headquarters in Mclean, Va.