

Statement to the Board  
Opening Statement of John C. Brennan  
Special Select Committee on Intelligence  
Confirmation Hearing of the Director of the Central Intelligence  
Agency  
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Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Board members - I am pleased to appear before you today as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am deeply grateful to President Obama for his confidence in his special choice by conferring my nomination to the Board for confirmation.

Over the past 10 years, you have provided leadership for your service to our Nation and the people of the world. The CIA and our Intelligence Community, as well as other agencies, and Virginia's many other agencies have

I would not be here today without the love and support of my wife, Cathy, who has been my life partner for over 30 years and who like the spouses of many other public servants in the Intelligence Community, has made numerous sacrifices over the years leading the front of a family responsible for the common good of our nation. Similarly, I would like to pay tribute to my three children who, like the children of many CIA officers and other national security professionals, have felt the weight of the responsibility associated with an absence of a parent for one of the most important

A special thank you also goes to my family in New Jersey, especially my 11-year-old son, Donny, and my 12-year-old daughter, Lynn - and my grandsons, Daniel and Jack, 10 years ago - and also, to my wife, Cathy, my sister, Irene, and my 10 children who support me in all my endeavors.

I appear before you today I would additionally like to extend a special thanks to David Manning a special advocate - as the All American Director - one of the thousands of codes of the Agency's mission and excellence.

I want to express my appreciation to my close friends and colleagues who have been my pillars of support and encouragement. I would like to thank my family, friends, and colleagues for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank my family, friends, and colleagues for their support and encouragement.

In the event of a transition, I wish to thank the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency who has supported me throughout my professional career. I wish to thank the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency who has supported me throughout my professional career. I wish to thank the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency who has supported me throughout my professional career.

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work around the globe trying to prevent regional tensions and  
instability from leading to all-out war. And, naturally, the  
United States can do this in a way that does not make the world  
think it is a hundred-dollar-a-month club. In addition, including a 14-year-old  
CIA officer and his family who were killed during a CIA visit to one  
of the many Islamic centers, at the time, was very common.

During my 14-year career at CIA, I worked in a broad area  
called special activities. This phrase was a combination of the words, on the one  
hand, special intelligence operations – including intelligence  
collection, covert operations, intelligence analysis, and intelligence  
development – and, on the other, special operations and intelligence  
development. It was a very broad area, and it was very important.  
It was a very important part of the CIA's mission to provide the president  
with the information he needed to make his decisions.

And, during my career, I had the great fortune to experience  
the CIA's role in the process of the transition to a CIA officer.

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communications systems and ensure the latest technology is  
incorporated into our systems.

- The support of our managers with the responsibility to ensure  
that the concerns of the Agency - collecting intelligence,  
providing all-source analysis, and, when directed by the President,  
conducting counterterrorism - are carried out with the requisite skill,  
speed, agility, and proficiency.

From the Middle East to the Central Caucasus, from sub-Saharan Africa  
to Central and South America, from the vast regions of Asia to the  
great cities of Europe, and from the mountains of the Andes to the  
oceans of the Pacific, we are everywhere. We are a global organization,  
working hard.

For the past 25 years, it has been our honor to be a part of  
the CIA, to follow the Agency's contributions to this country,  
and to be a part of the Agency's history.

Following my retirement from CIA in 2007, I had the good fortune of  
explore other professional opportunities. Over the years, I worked as  
President and Chief Executive Officer of a private equity company  
where I had the honor to serve very important clients about judicial  
responsibility and court business practices. I had the great privilege  
to have the privilege to serve as the President of a private equity  
company as President and Chief Executive Officer. In addition, I have  
had the opportunity to work with some of the finest minds in  
the world - from the intelligence community, from the military, law  
enforcement, and diplomatic communities - and have dedicated my  
time to the benefit and success of our nation. It is because  
of the great work of our nation - working tirelessly and especially in  
the most places around - that we are able to achieve the success  
and security that we have today.



I believe my CIA background and my 15 years professional experience have prepared me well for the challenge of leading the world's premier intelligence agency. The current situation, which is a byproduct of consequences of my former leadership will continue to be a challenge. Simply stated, the need for more intelligence and greater capabilities for CIA has never been greater than it is in 2001 - or than it will be in the coming years.

- I believe political, economic and social conditions contribute to overpopulation, food shortages and social ills, which have implications for our interests. I would like to see a more proactive and targeted approach for peace and stability in the world.
- The results of our intelligence gathering and analysis, which help to inform our national policymakers, have not always been as good as they could be. I would like to see a more coordinated and consistent approach to our intelligence gathering and analysis.
- The respect for human rights is not always fully reflected in the actions of the international community, organizations, national groups and individual leaders.
- The progress of the arms and weapons race, especially on pushing nuclear weapons and other non-traditional weapons, is a global concern. I would like to see a more coordinated and consistent approach to our intelligence gathering and analysis, ensuring the balance needs of all the people.

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In carrying out this mission, the men and women of the CIA are constantly asked to make difficult choices, judgments and sacrifices in order to help the American people. The CIA is not immune from security dilemmas, and I believe the leadership of the past and

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Chairman, the Chairman, and members of the Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am a member of the staff of the House of Representatives, and I am currently serving as the Director of the Office of the Inspector General. Today, I am here to discuss the results of a recent study that I conducted on the effectiveness of the Inspector General's office. The study was conducted in the District of Columbia, and it involved a survey of the Inspector General's office and its staff. The study found that the Inspector General's office is highly effective in its work, and that it has a strong reputation for integrity and objectivity. I believe that these findings are important for the Committee to know, and I would like to discuss them with you today.

The Inspector General's office is a very special one, and it is one that I am proud to be a part of. I believe that the Inspector General's office is one of the most important offices in the federal government, and I believe that it is one that is often overlooked. I believe that the Inspector General's office is one that is essential to the proper functioning of the federal government, and I believe that it is one that is deserving of the same respect and support that is given to other important offices in the federal government. I believe that the Inspector General's office is one that is essential to the proper functioning of the federal government, and I believe that it is one that is deserving of the same respect and support that is given to other important offices in the federal government.

I am very grateful, and I would like to thank you for your questions.