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**Senior Leadership Position Announced**

**Ambassador Johnnie Carson  
National Intelligence Officer for Africa**

Director of National Intelligence John D. Negroponte has appointed Ambassador Johnnie Carson as the National Intelligence Council's (NIC) National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for Africa. Prior to this appointment Carson served as the Senior Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Carson's Foreign Service career includes ambassadorships to Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Uganda. Earlier in his career he had assignments in Portugal, Botswana, Mozambique, and Nigeria, and also served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs. Carson was a former staff director for the Africa Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives. He holds a bachelor's degree from Drake University and a master's degree from the University of London.

The NIC is the Intelligence Community's center for mid- and long-term strategic analysis. NIOs are the Community's top experts in their fields and are the Director of National Intelligence's most senior substantive advisors. They produce National Intelligence Estimates, the Intelligence Community's most authoritative statements on issues of critical concern.

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