

Directors of Central Intelligence, 1946–2005

RAdm. Sidney William Souers, USNR	23 Jan 1946	10 Jun 1946
Lt. Gen. Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg, USA (AAF)	10 Jun 1946	1 May 1947
RAdm. Roscoe Henry Hillenkoetter, USN	1 May 1947	7 Oct 1950
Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, USA	7 Oct 1950	9 Feb 1953
<i>DDCI Allen Dulles acting 9–26 Feb 1953</i>		
Allen Welsh Dulles	26 Feb 1953	29 Nov 1961
John Alex McCone	29 Nov 1961	28 Apr 1965
VAdm. William Francis Raborn Jr., USN (ret.)	28 Apr 1965	30 Jun 1966
Richard McGarrah Helms	30 Jun 1966	2 Feb 1973
James Rodney Schlesinger	2 Feb 1973	2 Jul 1973
<i>DDCI Vernon Walters acting 2 Jul–4 Sep 1973</i>		
William Egan Colby	4 Sep 1973	30 Jan 1976
George Herbert Walker Bush	30 Jan 1976	20 Jan 1977
<i>DDCI E. Henry Knoche acting 20 Jan–9 Mar 1977</i>		
Adm. Stansfield Turner, USN (ret.)	9 Mar 1977	20 Jan 1981
<i>DDC Frank Carlucci acting 20–28 Jan 1981</i>		
William Joseph Casey	28 Jan 1981	29 Jan 1987
<i>DDCI Robert Gates acting 18 Dec 1986–26 May 1987^a</i>		
William Hedgcock Webster	26 May 1987	31 Aug 1991
<i>DDCI Richard Kerr acting 31 Aug–6 Nov 1991</i>		
Robert Michael Gates	6 Nov 1991	20 Jan 1993
<i>DDCI William Studeman acting 20 Jan–5 Feb 1993</i>		
R. James Woolsey	5 Feb 1993	10 Jan 1995
<i>DDCI William Studeman acting 10 Jan–10 May 1995</i>		
John Mark Deutch	10 May 1995	15 Dec 1996
<i>DDCI George Tenet acting 15 Dec 1996–11 Jul 1997</i>		
George John Tenet	11 Jul 1997	11 Jul 2004
<i>DDCI John McLaughlin acting 11 Jul–24 Sep 2004</i>		
Porter Johnston Goss	24 Sep 2004	21 Apr 2005 ^b

a.Mr. Casey became incapacitated in December 1986 but did not formally resign until January 1987.

b.Mr. Goss, retitled “Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,” continued after this date to head CIA. John Negroponte, sworn-in on the same date as the first director of national intelligence, assumed leadership of the US Intelligence Community.