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**DNI BLAIR SELECTS CHRISTOPHER KOJM AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL (NIC)**

Today, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Dennis C. Blair announced that he has selected Christopher Kojm to be the next Chairman of the National Intelligence Council (NIC). As Chairman of the NIC and advisor to the DNI, Kojm will be responsible for overseeing the analysis and production of coordinated Intelligence Community products, including National Intelligence Estimates.

“Chris is a highly respected national security expert with a deep background in intelligence and foreign policy,” Blair said. “He understands how important quality intelligence is to the policy making process, and he understands the critical need for intelligence to be timely, relevant and objective. He will be an outstanding NIC Chairman.”

Kojm is well known for his work as the Deputy Director of the 9/11 Commission working with Chairman Thomas H. Kean and Vice Chair Lee H. Hamilton. The result of that panel, formally known as the “National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States” culminated in a final report that formed the basis of significant intelligence reforms in 2004. Kojm also later served as a Senior Advisor to another prominent commission – the Iraq Study Group – which was co-chaired by former Secretary James A. Baker III and former Rep. Lee H. Hamilton.

From 1998-2003, Kojm served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence Policy and Coordination at the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the Department of State. In that role, Kojm was responsible for the daily editorial review of intelligence assessments, coordination with IC counterparts, articulation of State Department interests and requirements.

Most recently, Kojm served as a Professor of International Affairs Practice and Director of the U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Program at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He also served as the Director of the Elliott School’s Master of International Policy and Practice (mid-career) program. Kojm has also served as a visiting Professor at Princeton University.

From 1984-1998, Kojm was a staff member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs under former Chair and Ranking Member Lee H. Hamilton.

From 1979-1984 he was a writer and editor at the Foreign Policy Association in New York City.

Kojm received his Bachelor’s Degree from Harvard College and his Masters Degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

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