Douglas O. Cossa
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Mr. Douglas Cossa was selected as the Deputy CIO of the Defense Intelligence Agency in June 2018 after previously serving as the Deputy Director of the Mission Integration Division (MID) in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Mr. Cossa was promoted to the Senior National Intelligence Service in 2015.

As the Deputy Director of MID, Mr. Cossa led the integration of collection, analysis, and information technology (IT) capabilities to satisfy intelligence priorities. He served as the senior executive charged with overseeing the development of analytic tradecraft for data science; developing an interagency strategy to establish a new National Vetting Center; and providing technical and programmatic oversight of mission-critical capabilities under the IC's Information Technology Enterprise (IC ITE). He also co-chaired the IT modernization board for the President's Daily Brief, where he oversaw the integration of new capabilities for joint analytic production.

Prior to serving as the Deputy Director of MID, Mr. Cossa was the Chief of the Priorities and Assessments Group (PAG) in MID, where he led the approach for developing the President's Intelligence Priorities, the National Intelligence Priorities Framework, and reforms to sensitive intelligence collection following the unauthorized disclosures in 2013. As Chief of PAG, he also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Library of National Intelligence to enhance intelligence discoverability and sharing. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Cossa managed the Planning phase of the Intelligence Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Evaluation process within ODNI's Policy & Strategy directorate. He also led the needs analysis function for major system acquisitions within the Systems and Resource Analysis directorate.

Before joining the ODNI, Mr. Cossa worked at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) where he was the senior program manager for the National Media Exploitation Center's overseas operations. He led staff deployed to support document and media exploitation operations in Qatar, Iraq, and Afghanistan, primarily involving cellular exploitation, computer forensics, document exploitation, and linguistics. While at SAIC, he also served as the program manager for systems engineering and technical assistance contracts at the ODNI. Mr. Cossa started at SAIC as a database administrator, software developer, and systems architect supporting the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Mr. Cossa began his career as a systems security engineer with the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Mr. Cossa holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from James Madison University and a Master's degree in Systems Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. He and his wife Kathryn have two daughters, Katelyn and Lauryn and reside in Leesburg, Virginia.

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