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Blair is the author of numerous books and articles on security issues in such publications as *Scientific American*, *National Interest*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. His books include *Strategic Command and Control* (Brookings, 1984), winner of the Edgar S. Furniss Award for its contribution to the study of national security; *Crisis Stability and Nuclear War* (Oxford, 1988;

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While his main research area is the study of terrorism, Burgess has also written and spoken extensively on a variety of other security issues, including peacekeeping and the war in Iraq, and has been published and quoted in a wide range of U.S. and international outlets. His latest publications are the entries on "Peacekeeping," "The War on Terrorism," and "Homeland Security" in the newly released *Encyclopedia of War and American Society* (Sage Publications, 2006).

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From Sept. 29, 1994, through Jan. 20, 2001, Coyle was assistant secretary of defense and director, Operational Test and Evaluation, in the Department of Defense, and is the longest serving director in the 20-year history of the office. In this capacity, he was the principal advisor to the secretary of defense on test and evaluation at DOD.

At DOD, Coyle's responsibilities included stewardship of the Defense Department's Major Range and Test Facility Bases, including the large test ranges and test centers which DOD operates from Maryland and Florida to California and Hawaii.

Coyle was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and was nominated for this position by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

During the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Coyle served as the co-chairman of the Defense Department's Joint Cross-Service Group for Test and Evaluation, with joint cross-service authority for all military bases and test ranges involved in test and evaluation. Beginning in late 2004, Coyle served briefly on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Base Support and Retention Council.

As director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Coyle had responsibility for overseeing the test and evaluation of over 200 major defense acquisition systems. This included reporting to the secretary of defense, and to Congress, on the adequacy of the DOD testing programs, and on the results from those testing programs. Coyle was called upon regularly to testify before Congress and to brief Congressional staff on the status of major defense acquisition programs.

Coyle has 40 years experience in research, development, and testing matters. From 1959 to 1979, and again from 1981 to 1993, Coyle worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. From 1987 to 1993, he served as laboratory associate director and deputy to the laboratory director. In recognition of his 33 years service to the laboratory and to the University of California, the university named Coyle Laboratory Associate Director Emeritus.

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Besides her duties as CDI director, Hitchens leads CDI's Space Security Project in partnership with The Secure World Foundation, whom she serves as a consultant. The author of "Future Security In Space: Charting a Cooperative Course," she also continues to write on space and nuclear arms control issues for a number of outside publications. She serves on the editorial board of The

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Prior to joining the World Security Institute, Johnson served on the staff of Rep. Michael Harrington, D-Mass., with the House Armed Services Committee. He served as a military analyst for the Friends Committee on National Legislation and graduated from Brandeis University. He has done graduate work in Chinese and Russian studies at Harvard University.

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Sawyer was the Post-Dispatch Washington bureau chief from 1993 through 2005. He had been a member of the newspaper’s Washington bureau since 1980 and before that worked in St. Louis, first as an editorial writer and then as a staff reporter. His assignments have taken him to some five dozen countries. In recent years he has focused much of his reporting on the Middle East and predominantly Muslim countries.

Sawyer was selected three years in a row for the National Press Club’s award for best foreign reporting. His work has been honored by the Overseas Press Club, the Inter-American Press Association and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

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In the Senate staff, Wheeler was heavily involved in legislating the War Powers Act, Pentagon reform legislation, arms control and foreign policy, and oversight of the defense budget and weapons programs.

At GAO, he directed comprehensive studies on the 1991 Gulf War air campaign, the US strategic nuclear triad, and Pentagon weapons testing. Each of these studies found prevailing conventional wisdom about weapons to be badly misinformed.

In 2002 when he worked on the Republican staff of the Senate Budget Committee, Wheeler authored an essay, under the pseudonym "Spartacus," addressing Congress' reaction to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks ("Mr. Smith Is Dead: No One Stands in the Way as Congress Lards Post-September 11 Defense Bills with Pork"). When senators criticized in the essay attempted to have Wheeler fired, he resigned his position.

Wheeler joined the Center for Defense Information immediately after leaving Capitol Hill.

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