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Mark Lowenthal retired as the assistant director of central intelligence for analysis and production and vice chairman for evaluation on the National Intelligence Council in 2005. His prior government service included staff director of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the 104th Congress (1995-97), where he directed the committee's study on the future of the Intelligence Community, *IC21: The Intelligence Community in the 21st Century*; and office director and deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR).

From 2005 to 2019, Dr. Lowenthal headed the Intelligence & Security Academy, providing national security education to government agencies and private sector firms. He is currently on the faculty of the Nitze School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. He previously taught at Columbia University and Sciences Po in Paris. Dr. Lowenthal is the author of *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy* (10th edition, 2025), the standard college and graduate school textbook on the subject. His most recent book is his history of U.S. intelligence, *Vigilance Is Not Enough*. Dr. Lowenthal received his B.A. from Brooklyn College and his Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. In 2005, he was awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. In 1988, Dr. Lowenthal was the Grand Champion on the television quiz show "Jeopardy!"