

# Michael Stiegler

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## Summary

Mission driven Intelligence Analyst, Liaison Officer, and Manager with over 15 years proven track record in investigative signals analysis, threat analysis and open-source analysis in a fast-paced environment, delivering executive support to the highest levels of the Executive Branch. Extensive overseas travel in the Middle East and North Africa. Passion for working in collaborative environments and involved in all aspects of the intelligence cycle. High degree of interpersonal skills resulting in influencing decision making and aligning others to a specific goal. Reputation for senior level communication skills, often at the highest levels of government. Extensive experience in managing people and projects across multiple internal and external elements.

## Education

### **MA | 2023 | HARVARD EXTENSION**

- Major: History

### **POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE | 2019 | HARVARD EXTENSION**

- International Relations

### **MA | 2007 | CSU SAN BERNARDINO**

- Major: National Security Studies
- Focus: Islamic Studies and the Middle East

### **BA | 2005 | CSU SAN BERNARDINO**

- Major: Political Science
- Focus: International Relations

## Skills & Abilities

- Held a Top Secret SCI Full Scope clearance since 2011
- Presidential Level Product Writing and Briefing Experience
- Intelligence Analyst and Liaison Officer residing in North Africa and the Middle East

## Department of Defense (DoD)

### **SECTION CHIEF | 2023 TO PRESENT**

- Responsible for mission control over 120+ analysts located in three states. Allocate and direct section resources and a leadership team of five. Determine daily section priorities and communicate them to all members of leadership. Collaborate with and act on behalf of the section to internal and external customers by growing and maintaining effective working partnerships with other Intelligence Community (IC) agencies, military commands, and foreign partners. Implement visions and strategy while balancing section personnel issues with mission needs and requirements.
- Led team through a 5-month long crisis event by requesting and directing surge personnel and resources to meet increased mission demand. Called on by Senior members of the agency for routine updates and briefings. Ensure mission continuity through the utilization of alternate locations as needed.

### **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO OPERATIONS PROGRAM MANAGER | 2021 TO 2023**

- Executive Assistant to a Defense Intelligence Senior Executive (DISES) focused on Program Management, operations funding, computer science and cybersecurity.
- Manage and prioritize principal's schedule to ascertain that their time is focused on critical and strategic issues.

- Monitor and draft communications between Executives, review communications requests, and identify those that require immediate attention.
- Attend all Senior level meetings to ensure follow through of discussed items, capture meeting notes, and prioritizing tasks.
- Tasked to investigate potential policy gaps with organization wide impact with delegated decision-making authority. Coordinated efforts with all Agency elements on annual budget discussions.

#### **INTELLIGENCE OFFICER | WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM | 2019 TO 2021**

- Conducted research and assessed all intelligence reporting on global security events for senior White House officials requiring the handling of highly confidential and open source information.
- Ensured the correct dissemination of information to senior NSC staff and that appropriate action was taken on time-sensitive messages.
- Utilized respectful executive communication skills when briefing senior White House officials of crisis developments and investigations affecting U.S. national security to include the Vice President and National Security Advisor.
- Employed investigative skills when drafting current news and intelligence summaries used to update the President, Vice President, and National Security Advisor on large-scale events and strategic intelligence updates.
- Ensured mission continuity through rotating shift work and working in flexible secure facilities.

#### **LIAISON OFFICER AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYST | MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA | 2015 TO 2019**

- Supported multi-agency threat analysis investigations resulting in counter terrorism and global security focused arrests and adversarial online threat disruptions by assigning attribution to actionable targets. Leveraged information systems and data analysis to illuminate regional threats to human rights from non-state organizations and individuals through innovative analytic techniques of behaviors. Highlighted emerging trends of nefarious actors, often utilizing Facebook, WhatsApp and internet data, and adapted strategies to prevent or disrupt abuse through the creation of safe and secure mitigating measures.
- Built trust through routine meetings, attending social events, and answering local RFIs. Gained in-depth understanding of geopolitical and cultural nuances later utilized in managing projects across teams. Routinely tasked by liaison to assist with sensitive taskings and consult on possible follow-on actions.
- Expanded analytical relationship with military liaison counterparts resulting in collaborate routine investigations on pertinent events allowing for more immediate communications during regional threat events.
- Routinely led weekly intelligence briefings with the Ambassador on current reporting of strategic intelligence across the region. Provided comprehensive support to all TS//SI cleared customers at the Embassy.
- Presented succinct and smart overviews to Cabinet level visitors achieving expert level knowledge of internal dynamics and authoring a PDB-Memo.

#### **INTELLIGENCE ANALYST | HQ AND COMBAT ZONE | 2011 TO 2015**

- Served as an intelligence reporter with minimal direction of an African country, driving significant lines of reporting and investigations of events in West Africa. Frequently worked with teammates to provide direction and correct errant analysis, serving as quality control for team production.
- Supported Senior U.S. policy makers, local military commanders, and key stakeholders in Afghanistan by reporting on high risk actors and organizations. Responded to time-sensitive force protection measures by drafting, coordinating, and releasing Priority 1 reports on security events and human rights violations.
- Provided mission critical support for the 2014 Presidential elections to include continued coverage through expanded shift work.

#### **EDITOR, PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING STAFF | 2013 TO 2014**

- Edited DoD-authored articles or assessments for compliance with ODNI PDB writing/analytic tradecraft standards and threshold guidance; providing direct feedback to the authors.
- Managed multiple time-sensitive tasks for the President and other PDB principals while serving as a Presidential Support Analyst. Crafted and aided the implementation of new SOPs for the dissemination of paper copies of all PDB articles to CIA internal customers.
- Briefed daily PDB materials to the Deputy Director of National Intelligence. Assisted with preparations for an Oval Office session.

## Other

### **OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR | HOME DEPOT DISTRIBUTION | 2010 TO 2011**

- Supervised 35-60 team members during daily operations to include performance management, professional development, and participation in hiring decisions.
- Served as acting Chief of Department and member of the systems management team during a 3-month period overseeing 50+ associates and 3 members of the leadership team.

### **GROUP LEADER | TARGET DISTRIBUTION | 2008 TO 2010**

- Supervised 35-50 team members during daily operations.
- Conducted performance reviews and participated in the hiring process of new team members, resulting in a 37% increase in productivity over a 10-month period.
- Tasked by General Manager to perform flow investigation across the building ecosystem using Six Sigma principles, presenting findings to internal stakeholders.
- Served on the building's Staffing and Planning Committee deciding on building staffing levels and annual budget reviews 3-6 months in advance.

## Awards

- Annual Monetary and non-Monetary Awards, 2014-2023
- ODNI Exceptional Service Award (Individual), 2021
- Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism, 2017
- Intelligence Community Mission Integration Performance Award, 2015
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- National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation, 2014