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Here you go!

I worked on and off and completed it.

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Just think,

All these people **\*\*Almost\*\*** took over!

Pray it does not happen.



## Ben Rhodes

National Security Action  
Co-Chair

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**Ben Rhodes** ✓  
@brhodes

**Benjamin J. "Ben" Rhodes**, born 1977, is Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications for U.S. President [Barack Obama](#) as of June 2016. He is also is an advisor on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran. Rhodes was responsible for crafting the Obama administration's dishonest narrative that was used to sell the United States' unenforceable nuclear nonproliferation agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran which has been an enemy of the U.S. since 1979. Rhodes bragged about the deceptive tactics he used in a flattering New York Times profile in May 2016 that referred to him as "The Boy Wonder of the Obama White House[.]"<sup>[1]</sup>

In 2007, Rhodes began working as a speechwriter for the 2008 Obama presidential campaign.<sup>[13]</sup>

Rhodes wrote Obama's 2009 Cairo speech "[A New Beginning](#)".<sup>[14]</sup> Rhodes was the adviser who counseled Obama to withdraw support from Egyptian leader [Hosni Mubarak](#),<sup>[5]</sup> becoming a key adviser during the 2011 [Arab Spring](#).<sup>[4][10]</sup> Rhodes supported Israel in the 2012 [Israel–Gaza conflict](#).<sup>[15]</sup>

After leaving the Obama administration, Rhodes began working as a commentator.<sup>[18]</sup> He began contributing to [Crooked Media](#), [NBC News](#) and [MSNBC](#). In 2018, he co-founded [National Security Action](#).<sup>[19]</sup>

In 2015-16, Rhodes defended U.S. political and military backing of [Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen](#).<sup>[20]</sup> He later criticized Trump administration's involvement in the [Saudi Arabian-led intervention in Yemen](#).<sup>[21][20]</sup> He wrote of the war in Yemen, "Looking back, I wonder what we might have done differently, particularly if we'd somehow known that Obama was going to be succeeded by a President Trump."<sup>[21]</sup>

Rhodes said Obama's administration was too worried about offending [Turkey](#). He said Obama should have recognized the [Armenian Genocide](#).<sup>[22]</sup>

In 2018, Random House published Rhodes's memoir, *The World as It Is*, a behind-the-scenes account of [Barack Obama's](#) presidency. Rhodes has written opinion articles for newspapers and magazines including the *New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.<sup>[23][24]</sup> Rhodes was featured in the HBO documentary *The Final Year*, along with [John Kerry](#), [Samantha Power](#) and [Susan Rice](#). The documentary portrays the events of Obama's final year in office, with a focus on his foreign policy team.<sup>[25]</sup>

[Jake Sullivan](#)

## Connected Organizations

### National Security Action (Non-profit)

CO-FOUNDER, CO-CHAIR

### Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign (Political Party/527)

SENIOR SPEECHWRITER

### Obama Administration (Government Agency)

DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR (2009-2017)

### Ploughshares Fund (Non-profit)

BOARD MEMBER

**Nationality:** American

**Occupation:** Co-Founder, [National Security Action](#)

Former Deputy National  
Security Advisor (Obama  
Administration)

**Political Party:** Democratic Party



National Security Action was established in February 2017 by [Ben Rhodes](#), a former national security advisor in the Obama White House, and [Jake Sullivan](#), a national security advisor to former Vice President Joe Biden. Both Rhodes and Sullivan were key figures in establishing the Obama administration's 2015 Iran nuclear agreement. <sup>[3]</sup> Sullivan later served as a senior advisor to [Hillary Clinton's](#) 2016 presidential campaign. <sup>[4]</sup>

National Security Action was designed as an advocacy group that could lobby and engage in political activity. It was created to oppose the foreign policies of the Trump administration. Sullivan and Rhodes have been critical of Trump. Sullivan said: "We have a president who is erratic on the world stage, escalating conflicts and belligerently threatening war – even a potentially catastrophic nuclear conflict on the Korean peninsula."<sup>[5]</sup>

NSA co-chair Ben Rhodes has claimed that the group is a temporary organization that plans to dissolve in 2021.

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Jake Sullivan

National Security Action  
Co-Chair

**Jacob Jeremiah Sullivan** (born 1976)<sup>[1]</sup> is an American government official who is [National Security Advisor-designate](#) for President-elect Joe Biden's administration. He was previously senior policy advisor to Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential election campaign, with expertise in [foreign policy](#), and Deputy Chief of Staff at the Department of State. Sullivan was also a senior advisor to the U.S. government for the [Iran nuclear negotiations](#) and a visiting professor at [Yale Law School](#).

Sullivan worked in the [Obama administration](#) as Deputy Assistant to the President and [National Security Advisor](#) to U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. He also served as the [Director of Policy Planning](#) at the U.S. Department of State, and as Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#).

On November 23, 2020, President-elect Joe Biden announced that Sullivan will be appointed [National Security Advisor](#) in his [Cabinet](#).

Sullivan served in the Obama administration as national security adviser to Vice President Joe Biden and director of policy planning at the U.S. Department of State, as well as deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He was the senior policy adviser on Secretary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and previously served as deputy policy director on Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential primary campaign and as a member of the debate preparation team for Barack Obama's general election campaign.

Sullivan has also been a senior policy adviser and chief counsel to [Senator Amy Klobuchar](#) from his home state of [Minnesota](#), worked as an associate for [Faegre & Benson LLP](#), and taught at the [University of St. Thomas Law School](#). He clerked for [Judge Stephen Breyer](#) of the Supreme Court of the United States and Judge [Guido Calabresi](#) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

<b>Nationality:</b>	American
<b>Occupation:</b>	Co-Founder, <a href="#">National Security Action</a>  Former Senior Policy Advisor, Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign (2008, 2016)  Former National Security Advisor, Vice President Joe Biden  Former Director of Policy Planning, U.S. State Department

## National Security Action

After Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 Presidential election to Donald Trump, Sullivan co-founded and co-chairs [National Security Action](#) (NSA), a left-leaning policy advocacy group composed primarily of former [Obama administration](#) staffers. Sullivan works with NSA to train 2020 Democratic Party presidential candidates on foreign policy<sup>[7]</sup> <sup>[8]</sup> and oppose foreign policies of the Trump administration.<sup>[9]</sup>

National Security Action actively supports efforts to impeach President Trump. NSA created a website to promote impeachment and anti-Trump views<sup>[10]</sup> and has been identified as funding television ads to pressure Republican U.S. Representative [Brian Fitzpatrick](#) (R-PA) to support impeaching President Trump.<sup>[11]</sup>

National Security Action also sent a petition to Congress encouraging the impeachment of Trump. The petition was signed by over 300 former national security officials, most of whom had worked in the Obama administration.<sup>[12]</sup>

### BENGHAZI ATTACKS AND CLINTON EMAIL SCANDAL

At the time of the 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya that killed four Americans, Sullivan was a State Department official under then-U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. In 2015, he was called to testify before the U.S. House Select Committee on Benghazi.<sup>[18]</sup> Sullivan's testimony became part of the Committee's final report that concluded Clinton and Sullivan may have sent highly classified information using unsecured private emails rather than through secure government servers.<sup>[19]</sup> <sup>[20]</sup> An FBI investigation into the matter recommended no criminal charges.<sup>[21]</sup>





## Alejandro Mayorkas

Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas ...

■ Alejandro Mayorkas served as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (2013-2016).

### Obama appointment

In May 2009 Alejandro Mayorkas was nominated<sup>[1]</sup> by the Obama administration for the position of Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service in the DHS and confirmed in August 2009.



**Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas** (born November 24, 1959) is an American lawyer and government official.

Born in Cuba, he grew up in Los Angeles and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and Loyola Law School. During the Clinton administration, Mayorkas served as U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. During the Obama administration, he served in the Department of Homeland Security, first as Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (2009–2013) and then as Deputy Secretary (2013–2016).

In 2016, Mayorkas became a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, a Washington, D.C., law firm. In November 2020, President-elect Joe Biden announced that he would nominate Mayorkas as Secretary of Homeland Security in his Cabinet.

In 1998, Mayorkas was recommended by Senator Dianne Feinstein and appointed by President Bill Clinton as the United States Attorney for the Central District of California, becoming the country's youngest United States Attorney.<sup>[14][12]</sup> He was appointed on December 21, 1998.<sup>[15]</sup>

### National Security Action



#### Team

#### CO-CHAIRS

- Ben Rhodes, National Security Action Co-Chair
- Jake Sullivan, National Security Action Co-Chair

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Alejandro Mayorkas

## China, US Prepare for Launching Dialogue to Fight Cybercrime

Source : Xinhua Author : Time : 11/13/2015 Editor : Wang Ziru



Chinese State Councilor and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun (R) meets with Alejandro N. Mayorkas, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, who is heading a U.S. delegation of network security law enforcement visiting China, in Beijing, capital of China, Nov. 12, 2015. (Xinhua/Yao Dawei)

Senior Chinese and U.S. officials met in Beijing on Thursday to prepare for the launch of a high-level joint dialogue mechanism to fight cybercrime, hoping to take a further step on cyber cooperation.

Alejandro Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, led representatives from Homeland Security, the State Department, Department of Justice, National Security Council and the FBI. They will visit China from Wednesday to Friday.

The U.S. delegation held talks with Vice Minister of Public Security Chen Zhimin and other Chinese counterparts, exchanging views on preparing for the high-level joint dialogue mechanism to combat cybercrime, a consensus reached between the two countries during President Xi Jinping's state visit to the U.S. in September.

China's Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun also met with the delegation, reiterating the Chinese government's firm stance on fighting cybercrime and maintaining cyber security.

Guo called on both sides to accommodate each other's concerns and deepen law enforcement in cyber security to inject new impetus to establishing a joint high-level cyber security dialogue mechanism.

Mayorkas said the U.S. is ready to strengthen dialogue and cooperation with China in cyber security law enforcement to promote the development of bilateral ties.



## Tony Blinken

Tony Blinken served as Deputy Secretary of State (2015-2017) and as Deputy National Security Advisor (2013-2015). He is a Managing Director of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement and a Co-Founder of WestExec Advisors.

# Antony Blinken

## Secretary of State

- Served as Deputy Secretary of State during the Obama-Biden administration, the nation's second highest ranking diplomat
- Has previously held top foreign affairs posts on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in the State Department

From 2015 to 2017, Blinken served as Deputy Secretary of State under the Obama-Biden administration. In that role, Blinken helped to lead diplomacy in the fight against [ISIL](#), the rebalance to Asia, and the [global refugee crisis](#),

while building bridges to the innovation community. Before that, Blinken served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama. He chaired the Deputies Committee, the administration's principal forum for formulating foreign policy. During the [first Obama term](#), he was National Security Advisor to Vice President Biden. Blinken served as Democratic Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 2002 to 2008 and was a member of President Clinton's National Security Council staff from 1994 to 2001.

Blinken is a graduate of [Harvard](#) College and Columbia Law School. Blinken graduated from high school in Paris, where he lived from ages nine to eighteen.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

Biden has announced his intention to nominate [Antony Blinken](#) as Secretary of State. <sup>[56]</sup> Blinken is co-founder and Managing Partner of WestExec Advisors, LLC. <sup>[57]</sup> He is on leave from his position as a Partner at the private equity firm Pine Island Capital Partners, <sup>[58]</sup> and was Managing Director of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement. He formerly served in the [Obama Administration](#) as National Security Advisor to Vice President Biden, as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor, and as Deputy Secretary of State. Before that, he was Democratic Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 2002-2008, a member of the [National Security Council Staff](#) from 1994-2001 during the [Clinton Administration](#), and a reporter for [The New Republic](#). <sup>[59]</sup> He is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of [Human Rights First](#), <sup>[60]</sup> serves on the Advisory Board of Foreign Policy for America, <sup>[61]</sup> and as of July 2020 was listed as a member of the Advisory Council of [National Security Action](#). <sup>[62]</sup>



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# Avril Haines

## Director of National Intelligence

- Former Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and Legal Advisor to the National Security Council
- First woman to serve as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

Avril Haines has worked with President-elect Biden in various roles for more than a decade, and will become the first woman to serve as Director of National Intelligence. During the Obama administration, Haines served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor from 2015-2017, during which time she led the National Security Council's (NSC) Deputies Committee. From 2013-2015,



Haines was the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; she was the first woman to hold both of these positions. Avril began her service in the Obama administration in 2010 as the NSC Legal Advisor. From 2007-2008, Haines served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee while President-elect Biden served as chairman. Haines has led the Transition's National Security and Foreign Policy Team since its founding in June 2020. Prior to that time, she served in various roles including Senior Research Scholar at Columbia University; a Senior Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; and a member of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service. Haines received her bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.



### National Security Action ADVISORY COUNCIL



■ Avril Haines served as Deputy National Security Advisor (2015-2017) and as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2013-2015). She is a Senior Fellow at Columbia Law School.





Brian Deese

Brian Deese served as a Senior Advisor to President Obama (2015-2017). He is a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at the Harvard Kennedy School.

### Connected Organizations

#### Aspen Institute (Non-profit)

MEMBER, ECONOMIC STRATEGY GROUP

#### Center for American Progress (CAP) (Non-profit)

FORMER SENIOR ECONOMIC POLICY ANALYST

#### Center for Global Development (Non-profit)

CO-FOUNDER

#### National Security Action (Non-profit)

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

#### Obama Administration (Government Agency)

SENIOR ADVISOR

Nationality: American

Occupation: Global Head of Sustainable

Investing, Blackrock

Co-Founder, Center for Global Development

Former Senior Advisor, President Barack Obama

Former Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget

Former Senior Economic Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress

Political Party: Democratic Party

Notable Projects: Cash For Clunkers (Obama Administration)

## Integrating Climate Change into National Security Planning

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 AT 3:00 PM ET BY AMBASSADOR SUSAN RICE, BRIAN DEESE



Summary: Ambassador Susan Rice and Senior Advisor Brian Deese write about new requirements to fully assess the impacts of climate change on our national security.

That's why, today, President Obama took another major step to address the threat of climate change by signing a Presidential Memorandum requiring the federal government to fully consider the impacts of climate change in the development and implementation of all national security policies and plans. First, the President's memorandum directs 20 agencies from across the government to establish a dedicated working group to identify the U.S. national security priorities related to climate change. Second, it instructs these agencies to develop a Climate Change and National Security Action Plan outlining how they'll develop and share information on these risks. Third, it directs each agency to develop strategies to address climate-related threats, from impacts on our economy to our food security to the flow of migrants and refugees. The system this memorandum puts into place will ensure that data and insights from climate science become a meaningful component of national security policymaking.

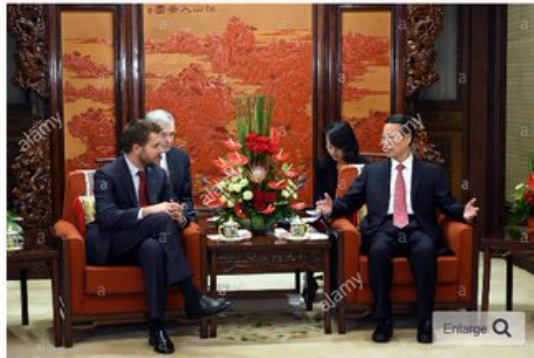
The President's memorandum is supported by a National Intelligence Council report, also released today, which finds that climate change is already having significant impacts—and that these are "likely to pose significant national security challenges for the United States over the next two decades," including straining our military operations and bases.

BlackRock, Inc. is an American multinational investment management corporation based in New York City. Founded in 1988, initially as a risk management and fixed income institutional asset manager, BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager, with \$7.61 trillion in assets under management as of end-Q4 2020.<sup>[3]</sup> BlackRock operates globally with 70 offices in 30 countries and clients in 100 countries.<sup>[4]</sup> Along with Vanguard and State Street, BlackRock is considered one of the Big Three index funds that dominate corporate America.<sup>[5]</sup> 289 721 In January 2020 BlackRock announced that it would begin divestment from thermal coal and take other measures to make its assets more sustainable.<sup>[7]</sup>

Beijing, China. 9th Sep. 2015. Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli (R) meets with Brian Deese, senior advisor to U.S. President Barack Obama, in Beijing, capital of China, Sept. 9, 2015. © Rao Amin/Xinhua/Alamy Live News - Image ID: F20DAP



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## Biden picks Brian Deese as director of National Economic Council

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## Brian Deese

Director of the National Economic Council

- Played a key role in engineering the rescue of the U.S. auto industry and in negotiating the landmark Paris Climate Agreement during the Obama-Biden Administration
- Former Senior Advisor to President Obama, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Deputy Director and Acting Director of OMB during the Obama-Biden Administration







# Cathy Russell

## Director of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel

Ambassador Cathy Russell serves on the Advisory Board of the Biden-Harris Transition Team and served as Vice Chair of the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before that, Ambassador Russell was a resident fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During the Obama-Biden



administration, Ambassador Russell served for all eight years at the White House and the U.S. Department of State, including as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden and the U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, where she led efforts to integrate women's issues into US foreign policy. Previously, she served as the senior advisor on international women's issues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, as the Staff Director of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and as Senior Counsel to Senator Patrick J. Leahy. Ambassador Russell serves on multiple boards and advisory committees, including board co-chair of the Women's Foreign Policy Group, a board member of Women for Women International, as well as a member of the Sesame Street Global Advisory Group, the Leadership Council for Women in National Security Steering Committee, the National Security Action Advisory Council, the Thomson Reuters Trust Women Foundation, and the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council. A native of Pennsylvania, Ambassador Russell graduated from Boston College and the George Washington University Law School.

Cathy Russell, Director of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel

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**Colin H. Kahl** is an American political adviser and academic who served as the **National Security Advisor to the Vice President of the United States**. He is currently the **Steven C. Hazy Senior Fellow at Stanford University**.<sup>[1][2]</sup> President-elect Joe Biden has nominated him to be the incoming administration's **Under Secretary of Defense for Policy**.<sup>[3]</sup>

From 1997 to 1998, he was a **National Security Fellow at Harvard University**. From 2009 to 2011, he was the **Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East**. He was professor at the **University of Minnesota**. From 2005 to 2006, he was a **Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow**.<sup>[5]</sup>

In May 2018, it was revealed that aides to U.S. President **Donald Trump** had contracted with Israeli private intelligence firm **Black Cube** to attempt to discredit through incriminating or embarrassing information Kahl and his wife, as well as former Deputy National Security Advisor **Ben Rhodes**.<sup>[6][7][8][9][10]</sup>

In November 2020, Kahl was named a member of the **Joe Biden presidential transition Agency Review Team** to support transition efforts related to the **National Security Council**.<sup>[11]</sup>

# Dr. Colin Kahl

## Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

- A long-time national security advisor to President-elect Biden, serving as Deputy Assistant to President Obama and National Security Advisor to then-Vice President Biden
- Previously Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East
- Awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service by Secretary Robert Gates

## National Security Action ADVISORY COUNCIL

■ Dr. Colin Kahl served as National Security Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden (2014-2017). He is a Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and a Strategic Consultant at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement.



**Dan Feldman**  
Dan Feldman served as Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (2014-2015).



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Drawing on his government service, Ambassador Daniel Feldman's practice focuses on U.S. national security law, international regulatory compliance, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and global public policy.

Ambassador Feldman brings to bear deep experience counseling multinational corporations on mitigating risk and maximizing opportunities in the development and implementation of their strategies for international investments and operations, particularly given his background and work throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. His practice includes advising on global political risks, corporate social responsibility and sustainability matters, and compliance with U.S. law and international best practices on global policy concerns, including sanctions and anti-corruption efforts.

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## Memberships and Affiliations

- Council on Foreign Relations, Life Member and former Term Member (2000-present)
- Center for American Progress, non-resident Senior Fellow (2015-present)
- The Asia Foundation, Trustee (2017-present)
- Center for Civilians in Conflict, Board Member (2017-present)
- Tufts University Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Advisory Board Member (2018-present)
- National Security Action, Advisory Board Member (2018-present)
- National Security Network, Founder and Board Member (2001-2009)

## Previous Experience

- U.S. Department of State, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (SRAP), Deputy SRAP, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia
- U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Counsel and Communications Advisor to Chairman Joseph Lieberman (I-CT)
- National Security Council, Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; White House Fellow



## Daniel F. Feldman

Treasurer of the Board and Executive Committee  
Senior Counsel, Covington & Burling  
Former Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan  
1995-1996 Luce Scholar



Ambassador Daniel F. Feldman joined the Board of Trustees in 2017. He was formerly a partner in the International Trade practice at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP. He is also a Senior Advisor at the Albright Stonebridge Group. Amb. Feldman served as Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the U.S. State Department, during which time he was given the rank of Ambassador. While at the State Department, he was a principal advisor to Secretaries of State John Kerry and Hillary Clinton on issues related to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and South Asia. Amb. Feldman created and managed the International Contact Group, a group of more than 50 countries most invested in Afghanistan, and engaged frequently with key countries in the region, including India and China, as well as NATO partners. He also represented the U.S. at numerous multilateral fora regarding Afghanistan and Pakistan, including those sponsored by the United Nations, the World Bank, and the IMF. For his service, Amb. Feldman was awarded the State Department's two highest awards, the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award and the Secretary's Distinguished Honor Award.

Prior to joining the State Department, Amb. Feldman was a partner at the law firm Foley Hoag LLP, where he was Co-Chair of the Corporate Social Responsibility practice. His previous government experience included serving as Director of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs on the National Security Council staff during the Clinton Administration, and as Counsel on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. He was also a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and on the South African Constitutional Court. Feldman has served as a national security advisor on the presidential campaigns of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Kerry, and Al Gore, and helped to found, and subsequently served on the board of, the National Security Network, a nonprofit foreign policy organization. He holds a J.D. from Columbia University, an M.P.A. from Princeton University, and a B.A. from Tufts University. Amb. Feldman is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as a former White House Fellow, and a former Henry Luce Scholar, when he worked at the Hong Kong Law Project.



# DENIS MCDONOUGH

SENIOR PRINCIPAL, MARKLE FOUNDATION

BIO CURRENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

From February 2013 until January 20, 2017, McDonough served as White House Chief of Staff for President Obama. In that role, McDonough managed the four thousand member White House staff, as well as Cabinet Secretaries and agency leaders. He provided strategic advice to the President on the most significant domestic policy, national security, and management issues facing the federal government and enforced plans and accountability for performance and goals, maintaining the Obama Administration's reputation for effective, ethical operation. He planned and coordinated efforts to recruit and retain key talent—including an unprecedented expansion of technology experts, engineers, and content generators within the White House and across the federal government.

Prior to his role as Chief of Staff, from September 2010 until February 2013, McDonough served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor. He chaired the National Security Council's Deputies Committee, leading a multiagency team to address complex national security challenges, including crisis management as well as policy decisions related to the Iran nuclear negotiations, strategic arms reductions talks with Russia, the United States re-balance to Asia, the Afghanistan surge, and the Iraq drawdown. Throughout the 2008 Presidential campaign, McDonough served as Senior Foreign Policy Advisor for Obama for America.

McDonough serves on the National Democratic Institute Board of Directors and is co-chair of the 150 PAC Advisory Board. He is also a member of the National Security Action Advisory Council and the Tent Foundation Advisory Council.

Biden has announced his intention to nominate **Denis McDonough** as Secretary of Veterans Affairs. [67] McDonough is a Senior Advisor and former Senior Principal at the Markle Foundation, [68] a Partner at Macro Advisory Partners, [69] and a Professor at the University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs. [70] He was Senior Foreign Policy Advisor for President Obama's 2008 campaign, and served in the Obama Administration as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisory from 2010-2013 and as White House Chief of Staff from 2013-2017. Prior to that he worked in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. He has served on the Board of Directors of Catalyte, the National Democratic Institute, and the SAFE Project, and as a member of the Advisory Council of the Tent Partnership for Refugees. [71]



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**Jamie Barnett**  
Biography

Mini Bio (1)

#### Jamie Barnett

Rear Admiral (Ret.) Barnett served as Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and the Pentagon's Director of Naval Education and Training.

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Jamie Barnett is the writer of the original screenplay of *The Star Chase*, an Indiana Jones-meets-the-Wise-Men action drama that answers the question of why did the Magi come, what did they have to overcome to get there and what they found. Jamie Barnett is a retired Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy and the former Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, where he led rule-makings and initiatives for public safety and emergency communications and cyber security. Since 2013, he has been a partner in the law firm of Venable LLP (offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.), resident in the Washington, D.C. office. He is the Co-Chair of the Telecommunications Group.

Admiral Barnett was an outspoken critic of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and was part of the effort to have it repealed. He served on the Board of Directors of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (later Outserve-SLDN). Since he retired, he has been active in Democratic politics. He was one of only 24 retired generals and admirals to endorse Senator Barack Obama at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Jamie Barnett has had opinions published in the *Washington Post*, *LA Times*, *Roll Call*, *Stars and Stripes*, among other publications.

- IMDb Mini Biography By: [Jamie Barnett](#)



Admiral Barnett has had a distinguished career in the public and private sector. A surface warfare officer, he has over 30 years of experience in the United States Navy and Navy Reserve, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral and serving as Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and Director of Naval Education and Training in the Pentagon. Among other personal awards, he has received four Legion of Merit medals.

In addition to his military service, Admiral Barnett served as the Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission where he executed major cybersecurity initiatives. As Chief of the Bureau, Admiral Barnett also led major rulemakings and projects in public safety broadband, emergency alerting and

Next Generation 9-1-1, working closely with industry and government stakeholders. He has also testified before Congress and is a noted speaker on cybersecurity.

For nearly 20 years, Admiral Barnett worked as an attorney in private practice. He represented cities, counties, school districts, law enforcement agencies and development authorities in the board room and in state and federal court advising on a range of topics including constitutional law, governmental liability, personnel and employment law, education and school law, policy development, legislation, procurement, and ethics.

Prior to joining Venable, Admiral Barnett served as Senior Vice President for National Security Policy at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a premier not-for-profit science and technology policy research institution in the Washington, DC area. He remains a Senior Fellow of Potomac Institute.

## JAMIE BARNETT

Rear Admiral (Ret.), Partner, Venable LLP

Jamie Barnett is the Senior Vice President of Government Services for RigNet, Inc., a worldwide satellite and wireless communications company. He is the former Chair of Venable's Telecommunications Group and a partner in the firm's Cybersecurity Practice. He has a rare combination of experience in public safety communications, emergency communications, 9-1-1, alerting, cybersecurity, Universal Service Fund (USF), Telecommunications Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), FirstNet, national defense and homeland security. This experience is invaluable to clients in telecommunications, defense and utilities industries as well as other critical infrastructures.

He was named a Top Lawyer in DC for Cybersecurity by *Washingtonian Magazine* for 2015.

## RigNet Names Retired Admiral Jamie Barnett as Senior Vice President of Government Services

HOUSTON, Jan. 07, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RigNet, Inc. (NASDAQ: RNET), the leading provider of ultra-secure, intelligent broadband and networking solutions for distributed oil and gas operations, announced today the appointment of retired Adm. James Arden "Jamie" Barnett, Jr. as Senior Vice President of Government Services.

Barnett will lead the company's efforts to build a meaningful business in the government sector by leveraging RigNet's bundle of technology services: cyber security services, communications services, and artificial intelligence services based on real-time machine learning. He will report directly to RigNet CEO and President, Steven Pickett.

"I found out about RigNet's amazing set of capabilities while at Venable," said Barnett. "I quickly realized how the brilliant combination of highly reliable remote broadband, intelligent networks, cybersecurity solutions, and tailored communications would be very attractive to government markets. I'm excited to translate RigNet's success in the energy sector into customized solutions to meet the ever-increasing demands of government agencies. RigNet is simply very well positioned to develop a government services revenue stream with its unique services portfolio."

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- [Wally Adeyemo](#) served as Deputy National Security Advisor for [International Economics](#) (2015-2017). He is a Senior Advisor to the [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#).
- [Jamie Barnett](#), Rear Admiral (Ret.) Barnett served as Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and the Pentagon's Director of Naval Education and Training.

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**Jennifer Rene Psaki** ([/sɑ kiː/](#); born December 1, 1978)<sup>[1][2]</sup> is an American political advisor who was [White House Communications Director](#) from 2015 to 2017. Previously, she was a spokesperson for the [Department of State](#) and held various press and communications roles in the [Obama White House](#).<sup>[3]</sup> She has also been a [CNN](#) contributor.<sup>[4]</sup>

In November 2020, [President-elect Joe Biden](#) announced he has selected Psaki as [White House Press Secretary](#).<sup>[5]</sup>

A picture is worth a thousand words.  
This says it all.  
Jen Psaki is a political con.

- [Jen Psaki](#) served as White House Communications Director (2015-2017). She is the Vice President for Communications and Strategy at the [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#).

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# Dr. Kathleen Hicks

## Deputy Secretary of Defense

- Former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
- Received distinguished service awards from three Secretaries of Defense and a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Currently leads the Biden-Harris Transition's Defense Agency Review Team
- Would become the first woman confirmed to serve as Deputy Secretary of Defense

During the Obama-Biden Administration, she served as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces and was confirmed by the Senate to serve as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. She was a career civil servant in the Pentagon for more than a decade, where she rose through the ranks from Presidential Management Intern to the Senior Executive Service. She is the recipient of distinguished service awards from three Secretaries of Defense and a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and received the DOD Senior Professional Women's Association Excellence in Leadership Award.

Dr. Hicks is a Donald Marron Scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College, and earned a master's degree and PhD from the University of Maryland and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, respectively.



## National Security Action ADVISORY COUNCIL



- Dr. Kathleen Hicks served as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (2009-2013).  
She is a Senior Vice President of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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## Katie Fallon

Katie Fallon served as White House Legislative Director (2013-2016).

## Career [\[ edit \]](#)

Before Fallon started her career in politics she worked in investment banking in [New York City](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

Fallon served as White House Deputy Communications Director, Staff Director of the Senate Democratic Policy & Communications Center, and Legislative Director to Democratic Senator [Chuck Schumer](#).<sup>[6][3]</sup>

Fallon resigned as Director of Legislative Affairs on February 13, 2016, and was succeeded by her former deputy, Amy Rosenbaum.<sup>[7]</sup>

In November 2016, she was appointed senior vice president and global head of corporate affairs at [Hilton Hotels](#).<sup>[8]</sup>

In October 2020, it was announced that she is joining McDonald's as Chief Global Impact Officer.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Personal life [\[ edit \]](#)

She is married to [Brian Edward Fallon Jr.](#), whom she met at the DPCC, and who served as national press secretary to [Hillary for America](#).<sup>[10][11]</sup> They have twin boys.<sup>[12]</sup>

# Obama's legislative aide Fallon departs: White House



U.S. President Barack Obama walks with White House Legislative Affairs Director Katie Fallon (L) and Chief of Staff Denis McDonough (R) to a luncheon near the White House in Washington, October 26, 2015.

January 29, 2016

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Barack Obama said on Friday his top legislative affairs aide, Katie Beirne Fallon, is leaving the White House and will be replaced by her deputy, Amy Rosenbaum, a former aide to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Obama, in a statement, credited Fallon with helping the White House "build up

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# Linda Thomas-Greenfield

## U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

- 35-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service who has served on four continents
- Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs under the Obama-Biden administration
- Served in diplomatic positions for the US for Liberia, Switzerland, Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica



**Linda Thomas-Greenfield** (born 1952) is an American diplomat who served as the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs in the United States Department of State's Bureau of African Affairs from 2013 to 2017. Following her work as a diplomat, Thomas-Greenfield became a senior vice president at Albright Stonebridge Group in Washington, D.C.

President-elect Joe Biden has announced his intention to nominate her as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

## National Security Action ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ambassador **Linda Thomas-Greenfield** served as the State Department's Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs (2013-2017).



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Jon Finer

Jon Finer served as Director of Policy Planning and Chief of Staff at the State Department (2016-2017).

## Jon Finer

Jon Finer

"Support Bill Ayers"

In October 2008, several thousand college professors, students and academic staff signed a statement Support Bill Ayers in solidarity with former [Weather Underground Organization](#) terrorist [Bill Ayers](#).

In the run up to the U.S. presidential elections, Ayers had come under considerable media scrutiny, sparked by his relationship to presidential candidate [Barack Obama](#). We write to support our colleague Professor William Ayers, Distinguished Professor of Education and Senior University Scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who is currently under determined and sustained political attack...

We, the undersigned, stand on the side of education as an enterprise devoted to human inquiry, enlightenment, and liberation. We oppose the demonization of Professor William Ayers.

Jon Finer signed the statement<sup>[1]</sup>.

Jon Finer is on leave.

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## Affiliations:

- Foreign Policy for America, advisory board member
- International Refugee Assistance Project, board chair
- National Security Action, advisory board member
- NYU School of Law, Reiss Center on Law and Security, non-resident advisor
- Truman National Security Project, board member
- Warburg Pincus LLC, head of political risk

## Jon Finer

Adjunct Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy (ON LEAVE)

Expertise U.S. Foreign Policy – Middle East and North Africa – Diplomacy and International Institutions

Programs U.S. Foreign Policy Program

**Jonathan Finer** was Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Planning for former Secretary John Kerry at the U.S. Department of State.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Career [ edit ]

Finer was a foreign and national correspondent at the *Washington Post*, where he reported from more than 20 countries and spent 18 months covering the war in Iraq, embedding with the U.S. Marines during the 2003 invasion and based in Baghdad in 2005-2006. He also covered conflicts in Gaza (2009), Russia/Georgia (2008) and Israel/Lebanon (2006); the 2004 U.S. Presidential campaign, and the 2004 Major League Baseball playoffs.<sup>[1]</sup>

Finer joined the Obama Administration in 2009 as a *White House Fellow*, assigned to the Office of the White House Chief of Staff and the *National Security Council* Staff.<sup>[5]</sup> At the White House, he also served as Special Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa and Foreign Policy Speechwriter for Vice President Joseph R. Biden and later as Senior Advisor to Deputy National Security Advisor Antony Blinken.<sup>[1] [6]</sup>

Prior to his appointment as Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Planning at the State Department, Finer previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

After concluding his work with the State Department, Finer joined a New York private equity firm, Warburg Pincus<sup>[7][8]</sup> and served as a senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations.<sup>[9]</sup>



Jon Finer has a twitter account shown here.

He has not ever sent a tweet. Not Ever!

He follows every deep state creep on earth.

He is "On Leave" as you can see to the

left of this information. Who Is This Ghost?

Is he following you? These are the type of

Deep State players to watch. He is a shadow.

<https://t.co/RnyfmVQHnN>



**Steven J. Ricchetti** is an American political aide and lobbyist. On November 17, 2020 he was hired to be the **Counselor to the President** under **President-elect Joe Biden**.<sup>[1]</sup>

He was **Chief of Staff to Vice President Joe Biden** during the **Obama administration** and **Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations** under **President Bill Clinton**.

## National Security Action ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Steve Ricchetti** served as Chief of Staff to Vice President **Joe Biden** (2013-2017).

He is a Managing Director of the **Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement**.



Steve Ricchetti served as Chairman of the Biden-Harris campaign.

Throughout his decades of public service, Ricchetti has held senior roles on Capitol Hill and at the White House, including as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Vice President Biden, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs for President Clinton during the



impeachment hearings, and Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 1992, when women won a record number of seats. Before joining the Obama-Biden administration in 2009, Ricchetti was the founder and president of an independent government relations and political consulting firm. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris campaign, Ricchetti was **Managing Director of the Penn Biden Center**. A native of Ohio, Ricchetti is a graduate of Miami University and George Mason University School of Law.

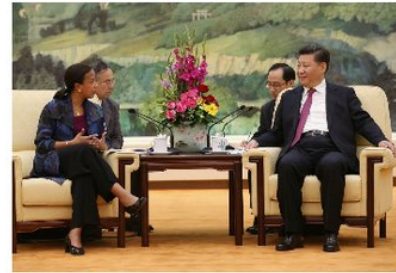


**Susan Elizabeth Rice** (born November 17, 1964) is an American diplomat. She was the National Security Advisor from 2013 through 2017 during the Barack Obama presidency. Before, she was the United States Ambassador to the United Nations between 2009 to 2013. In 2021, she will become the Director of the Domestic Policy Council under the Joe Biden presidency.

**National Security Action  
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Ambassador Susan Rice most recently served as National Security Advisor (2013-2017). She currently is a Visiting Distinguished Research Fellow at American University and a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center.

Ambassador Susan E. Rice will serve as Domestic Policy Advisor and Director of the Domestic Policy Council. She will coordinate the formulation and implementation of President-elect Biden's domestic policy agenda to build back better. Rice is among our nation's most senior and experienced government leaders, bringing unparalleled skill in harnessing the power of the federal government to serve the American people. Rice served as National Security Advisor from 2013-2017, where she directed and implemented the Obama-Biden Administration's national security policy in all areas including: global health, climate policy, international trade, development and economic issues, relationships with allies, competition and cooperation with China and Russia, and managing U.S. foreign relations with all regions of the world. As U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of the Cabinet from 2009-2013, Ambassador Rice won major concessions and sealed important agreements with America's toughest adversaries and to promote global development, democracy and human rights.



Previously, Rice served President Bill Clinton as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, and Director for International Organizations and Peacekeeping at the National Security Council from 1993-2001. This year, she co-chaired DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's Re-open DC Advisory Commission during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is currently a Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at American University and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. Ambassador Rice received her master's degree and Ph.D. in international relations from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and her B.A. with honors in history from Stanford University.





Tom Donilon

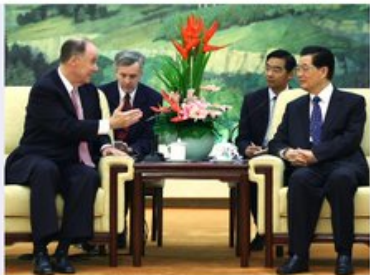
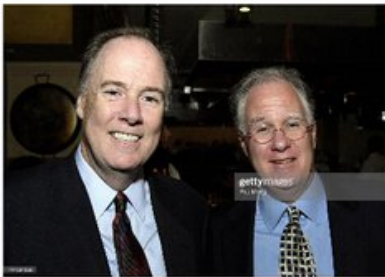
Tom Donilon most recently served as National Security Advisor (2010-2013).

Brothers

## Mike Donilon

Senior Advisor to the President

Mike Donilon served as Chief Strategist for the Biden-Harris Campaign, where he was responsible for overseeing message discipline and development, television advertising, speechwriting, and polling and research. Previously, Donilon served as Counselor to then-Vice President Biden in the White House. Donilon has been a nationally recognized strategist, media consultant and pollster for nearly four decades, having been part of six US presidential campaigns and more than 25 winning US Senate, gubernatorial, US House and mayoral campaigns. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris campaign, Donilon was Managing Director of the Biden Institute and assistant professor at the University of Delaware. A native of Rhode Island, Donilon is a graduate of Georgetown University and Georgetown University Law Center.



Tom Donilon  
National Security Action  
Advisory Council  
He most recently served as National Security Advisor  
(2010-2013).

## Thomas Donilon

Chairman of the BlackRock Investment Institute

Thomas E. Donilon is Chairman of the BlackRock Investment Institute. He served as National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama. In that capacity Mr. Donilon oversaw the U.S. National Security Council staff, chaired the cabinet level National Security Principals Committee, provided the president's daily national security briefing, and was responsible for the coordination and integration of the administration's foreign policy, intelligence, and military efforts. Mr. Donilon also oversaw the White House's international economics, cybersecurity, and international energy efforts. Mr. Donilon served as the President's personal emissary to a number of world leaders, including President Hu Jintao and President Xi Jinping, President Vladimir Putin, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Mr. Donilon previously served as Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor. In that role, he was responsible for managing the U.S. government's national security policy development and crisis management process. Mr. Donilon chaired the Obama-Biden transition at the U.S. Department of State. During the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign, Mr. Donilon headed President Obama's general election debate preparation effort.

Mr. Donilon chaired the Presidential Commission to Enhance National Cybersecurity. Mr. Donilon is a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, a non-resident senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, a distinguished fellow at the Asia Society, and a member of the Center on Global Energy Policy Advisory Board at Columbia University. He has been a member of the U.S. Defense Policy Board and the Central Intelligence Agency's External Advisory Board. He has participated in and led numerous policy groups including Co-Chairing with Governor Mitch Daniels the Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases.

Mr. Donilon is among the nation's most experienced policy and presidential advisors. He has worked closely with and advised three U.S. presidents since his first position at the White House in 1977, working with President Carter. He served as assistant secretary of state and chief of staff at the U.S. Department of State during the Clinton administration. In this capacity, Mr. Donilon was responsible for the development and implementation of the department's major policy initiatives, including NATC expansion, the Dayton Peace Accords, and the Middle East peace process. Mr. Donilon has received the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award, the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal, the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award, and the CIA's Director's Award.

Mr. Donilon is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Aspen Strategy Group, and the Trilateral Commission. He received his undergraduate degree from Catholic University and his law degree from the University of Virginia. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Ambassador Cathy Russell, and their children, Sarah (20) and Teddy (17). Cathy was U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues at the State Department from 2013-2017.

Mike

Donilon's brothers are BlackRock Investment Institute chair Tom Donilon, who was chief of staff in former President Bill Clinton's State Department and is a former National security adviser to Barack Obama, and Terry Donilon, Communications Director for Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley of the Archdiocese of Boston. His sister-in-law is Catherine M. Russell.

All In The Family



Wally Adeyemo

Wally Adeyemo served as Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics (2015-2017). He is a Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

President, Obama Foundation  
Senior Advisor at BlackRock  
Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Former Senior International Economic Adviser, President Barack Obama

## Wally Adeyemo

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Adewale "Wally" Adeyemo** (born 1981)<sup>[1]</sup> is a Nigerian-American economic and political advisor<sup>[2]</sup> He was the first president of the Obama Foundation and is President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for United States Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.<sup>[3]</sup> During the Obama administration, Adeyemo was the Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics from 2015 to 2016 and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council.

### Early life and education [ edit ]

Adeyemo was born in Nigeria and raised in Southern California.<sup>[4]</sup> His father was a teacher and his mother was a nurse. He has two younger siblings.<sup>[5]</sup> After graduating from from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California,<sup>[6]</sup> he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.<sup>[7]</sup>

### Career [ edit ]

Adeyemo served as the Director of African American Outreach for the John Kerry 2004 presidential campaign and was based in the San Francisco office.<sup>[8]</sup>

Prior to joining the Obama administration, Adeyemo worked as an editor at the Hamilton Project. Adeyemo then served as senior advisor and deputy chief of staff to Jack Lew in the United States Department of the Treasury.<sup>[9]</sup> Adeyemo later worked as the chief negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership. He also served as the first chief of staff of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under Elizabeth Warren. He was then selected to concurrently serve as Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics and deputy director of the National Economic Council in 2015, serving until 2016. During his tenure, Adeyemo was the President's representative to the G7 and G20 and held several senior management positions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including senior adviser and deputy chief of staff, as well as chief negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership's provisions on macroeconomic policy.<sup>[1]</sup>

On August 1, 2019, Adeyemo was selected as the first president of the Obama Foundation.<sup>[10]</sup>

In November 2020, it was announced that Adeyemo would be nominated to serve as United States Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in the Biden administration.<sup>[11][12]</sup>








Wally Adeyemo is an economist and former Senior International Economic Adviser to President Barack Obama. He is a senior advisor at BlackRock, an investment management corporation, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.<sup>[2]</sup>

Adeyemo is a member of the Aspen Strategy Group, the policy program of the Aspen Institute, a non-partisan think tank.<sup>[3]</sup> He serves on the boards of Demos, a left-wing public policy advocacy group;

the Golden State Opportunity Foundation; and Just Homes.<sup>[4]</sup>

## National Security Action

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**National Security Action** is a progressive advocacy group launched in February 2018 to counter president Trump's foreign policy and national security agenda.<sup>[1]</sup>

Ben Rhodes and Jake Sullivan are co-chairs.

### Formed to Help Democrats beat President Trump

The Daily Caller<sup>[2]</sup> explained that **National Security Action** was formed to "focus efforts" on "several key 2018 midterm races."

"The largely center-left coalition intends to serve as an advisory group for Democratic politicians interested in countering Republican messaging on national security issues. It is expected to soon announce several key 2018 midterm races where it will focus efforts, reports the Washington Post.

"Advisory board member **Wendy Sherman**, an undersecretary of state for political affairs under **Hillary Clinton**, says **National Security Action** will help Democratic candidates appeal to voters by highlighting what she says is a loss of American influence and prestige under Trump.

"There was a need for connective tissue," Sherman told WaPo. "It's connecting all the progressive groups and citizens that are very concerned about America's place in the world, about our leadership in the world and that are very concerned about the institutions that ensure the rule of law in the world and our security and prosperity."



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## Team

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- Wally Adeyemo** served as Deputy National Security Advisor for **International Economics** (2015-2017). He is a Senior Advisor to the **Center for Strategic and International Studies**.
- Jamie Barnett**, Rear Admiral (Ret.) Barnett served as Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and the Pentagon's Director of **Naval Education and Training**.
- Jeremy Bash** served as Chief of Staff of the CIA (2009-2011) and Defense Department (2011-2013).
- Rand Beers** served as Deputy Homeland Security Advisor (2014-2015).
- Representative **Howard Berman** served as a Member of Congress (1983-2013).
- Tony Blinken** served as Deputy Secretary of State (2015-2017) and as Deputy National Security Advisor (2013-2015). He is a Managing Director of the **Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement** and a Co-Founder of **WestExec Advisors**.
- Mike Breen** is President and CEO of the **Truman Center** and **Truman National Security Project**.
- Ambassador **Reuben Brigety II** served as the Representative of the United States to the African Union (2013-2015).
- Ambassador **Nicholas Burns** served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (2005-2008). He is currently the Roy and Barbara Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.
- Ambassador **Bill Burns** is President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He most recently served as Deputy Secretary of State (2011-2014).
- Kurt Campbell** served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific (2009-2013). He is the Chairman of the **Center for a New American Security**.
- Joe Cirincione** is President of the **Ploughshares Fund**.
- Brian Deese** served as a Senior Advisor to President **Obama** (2015-2017). He is a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at the Harvard Kennedy School.
- Tom Donilon** most recently served as National Security Advisor (2010-2013).
- Mieke Eoyang** is the Vice President for the National Security Program at **Third Way**.



Jeremy Bash

Jeremy Bash served as Chief of Staff of the CIA (2009-2011) and Defense Department (2011-2013).



Rand Beers

Rand Beers served as Deputy Homeland Security Advisor (2014-2015).



Howard Berman

Representative Howard Berman served as a Member of Congress (1983-2013).



Suzy George

Suzy George served as the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council staff (2014-2017).



Barbara Boxer

Barbara Boxer served as a U.S. Senator (1993-2017) and previously as a U.S. Representative (1983-1993) from the state of California.



Reuben Brigety II

Ambassador Reuben E. Brigety served as the Representative of the United States to the African Union (2013-2015).



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Ambassador Nicholas Burns served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (2005-2008). He is currently the Roy and Barbara Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.



Rosa Brooks

Rosa Brooks served as Counselor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.



Joe Cirincione

Joe Cirincione is President of the Ploughshares Fund.





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### ADVISORY COUNCIL

- **Katie Fallon** served as White House Legislative Director (2013-2016).
- **Dan Feldman** served as Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (2014-2015).
- **Jon Finer** served as Director of Policy Planning and Chief of Staff at the State Department (2016-2017).
- **Michele Flournoy** most recently served as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (2009-2012). She co-founded the [Center for a New American Security](#) and [WestExec Advisors](#).
- **Mark Gallogly** served on President [Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board](#) (2009-2013). He is a Managing Principal of [Centerbridge Partners](#).
- **Suzzy George** served as the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council staff (2014-2017).
- **Phil Gordon** served as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs (2009-13) and Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf (2013-15).
- **Avril Haines** served as Deputy National Security Advisor (2015-2017) and as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2013-2015). She is a Senior Fellow at Columbia Law School.
- **Dr. Kathleen Hicks** served as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (2009-2013). She is a Senior Vice President of the [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#).
- **Dr. Colin Kahl** served as National Security Advisor to Vice President [Joe Biden](#) (2014-2017). He is a Senior Fellow at [Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies](#) and a Strategic Consultant at the [Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement](#).
- **Juliette Kayyem** served as Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Intergovernmental Affairs (2009-2010). She is the Faculty Chair, [Homeland Security Program](#), at [Harvard's Kennedy School](#).
- **Harold Hongju Koh** served as the State Department Legal Adviser (2009-2013). He is Sterling Professor of International Law at [Yale Law School](#).
- **Kelly Magsamen** is Vice President for National Security and International Policy at the [Center for American Progress](#). She served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs (2014-2017).
- **Alejandro Mayorkas** served as the Deputy Secretary of the [Department of Homeland Security](#) (2013-2016).
- **Denis McDonough** served as White House Chief of Staff (2013-2017). He is Senior Principal with the [Markle Foundation](#).
- **Eric Mindich** is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of [Eton Park Capital Management](#).
- **Cecilia Munoz** most recently served as the Director of the [Domestic Policy Council](#) (2012-2017). She is Vice President, Public Interest Technology and Local Initiatives at [New America](#).
- **Scott Nathan** served as Associate Director at the Office of Management and Budget (2015-2017). He is a Senior Fellow at the [Center for American Progress](#).
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