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Mr. Robert Bell is the Secretary of Defense Representative in Europe (SECDEFREPEUR) and the Defense Advisor (DEFAD) for the US Mission to NATO (USNATO). As SECDEFREPEUR, he is responsible for planning, recommending, coordinating, and monitoring DoD policies, programs and initiatives in Europe. As the USNATO DEFAD, he is responsible for the formulation, coordination, and presentation of Department of Defense policies to the US Ambassador to NATO.

Before taking his current position, Mr. Bell was the Senior Vice President of SAIC. As Account Manager for NATO and EUCOM, he coordinated the activities of SAIC Business Units pursuing contract opportunities at those two organizations. Mr. Bell also chaired SAIC's European Executive Committee and served as Managing Director of SAIC's subsidiaries in Belgium and France. In Jan 2010, he was selected to chair the NATO Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG).

Prior to joining SAIC in 2004, he served as NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment from 1999-2003. In this capacity, Mr. Bell chaired NATO's Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD) and its C3 Board (NC3B) and directed NATO International Staff activities in the areas of armaments cooperation, missile defense, air defense, airspace management, common funding and resource policy.

From 1993-1999, Mr. Bell worked at the White House National Security Council (NSC) as a Special Assistant to President Clinton for National Security Affairs and as the NSC Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control. In 1997, he was assigned additional responsibilities as the NSC Counselor.

From 1981-1993, Mr. Bell served on the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services, working four years for Senator Charles Percy (R-Illinois) and eight years for Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), respectively. His Hill experience also includes six years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), including a one year CRS assignment in Brussels, where he served as Staff Director of the Military Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

From 1969 until 1975, he served as an Air Force officer in the air traffic control and communications field, commanding a squadron at the age of 24. While a Cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy (Class of 1969), he completed an internship on the Air Staff (Directorate of Concepts, Doctrine and Objectives), commanded the 1969 Outstanding Cadet Squadron, and was commissioned as a Distinguished Graduate.

Robert Bell is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He holds a Master of Arts degree (1970) in International Security Studies from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University) and a Bachelor of Science degree (1969) in International Affairs from the USAFA. His professional affiliations include the Council on Foreign Relations, the Air Force Association, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Mr. Bell's awards and decorations include the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service (1999) and the Air Force Commendation Medal (1973).

Mr. Bell speaks fluent French and conversational Danish, is married to a retired Danish diplomat, Vibeke Roosen Bell, and has two sons, Nathan and Stefan.