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Gil was previously the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Architecture Engineering & Integration, leading intelligence community activities to assess the adequacy of the Intelligence Collection Enterprise, identify shortfalls and solutions, manage teams focused on specific short and long-term issues in response to Director of National Intelligence tasking, and provide domain and subject matter expertise to the Office of the DNI across a broad range of disciplines and collection areas.

Mr. Klinger's career in government service began with his competitive selection to the Presidential Management Internship Program with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His following assignments included: Staff Assistant, Deputy Director for Strategic Forces Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, where he was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the highest award given to civil servants within the Department of Defense; Director, Space and Advanced Technology Strategy, also within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (DUSD) for Space, and the position of Principal Assistant (DUSD/Space), within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, where he received the 1997 Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award, one of the two highest awards given to civil servants within the U.S. government; Director of Policy, National Reconnaissance Office; and Director of Space Policy, National Security Council Staff, where he was the lead member of the Executive Office of the President on all space issues and the principal author of five new national space policies, including the first new U.S. space exploration vision in more than a generation.

Mr. Klinger graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Albany with an undergraduate degree in European History and Political Science. He received his master's degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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