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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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



Before assuming his current position, Mr. Bell was the Senior Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). As Account Manager for NATO and the U.S. European Command, 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 Percy and eight years for Senator Nunn. His Capitol Hill experience also includes six years at the Congressional Research Service, including a one-year assignment in Brussels, where he served as Staff Director of the Military Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

From 1969-1975, he was 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, he completed an internship on the Air Staff, 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 US Air Force Academy. 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 is fluent in French and conversational in Danish, is married to a retired Danish diplomat, Vibeke Roosen Bell, has two sons, Nathan and Stefan, and three stepchildren, Adam, Benedicte and Tobias.