

BIOGRAPHY

MS MARY BETH LONG

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS



CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Ms. Mary Beth Long was confirmed by the Senate December 19, 2007, and sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs on December 21, 2007. She is a principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on the formulation and coordination of international security strategy and policy, with responsibility for Africa, the Middle East and Arabian Gulf, and Europe.

PAST EXPERIENCES: From August 2005 to December 2007, Ms. Long served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. During a substantial portion of that period she served as the Acting Assistant Secretary due to a vacancy in the Assistant Secretary's position. Prior to a January 2007 reorganization, the office was responsible for the Western Hemisphere, Asia-Pacific region, Middle East and Arabian Gulf, Africa, coalition affairs, strategic communications, and POW/MIA issues.

Ms. Long was appointed the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics on May 19, 2004. In this capacity, Ms. Long oversaw and controlled the Department's counter-narcotics efforts in the United States and throughout the world. Ms. Long developed the Department's counter-narcotics policy, including for Afghanistan and Colombia, managed over 100 programs supporting domestic and international law enforcement, and oversaw funds in excess of \$900 million dollars.

Ms. Long worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, Directorate of Operations, from 1986 to 1999. Her CIA experience includes operations targeting narcotics, WMD, and terrorism. From May to September 1996, she served as Deputy and Acting Chief for the Haiti Task Force. She was co-chair of a joint priority CIA-DEA counternarcotics targeting team and has worked extensively with the FBI. While at the CIA, Ms. Long worked with the State Department and served separately as an Embassy Principal Money Laundering Officer and an Embassy representative to multilateral negotiations on weapons issues. During her time at the Agency, Ms. Long successfully completed the Clandestine Operations in Dangerous Areas course (CODA) and paramilitary training. She received several CIA awards, including some for her work in covert action. From 1999 until May 2004, Ms. Long practiced law with Williams & Connolly LLP, where she specialized in civil litigation matters.

EDUCATION: Ms. Long is a graduate (cum laude) of Washington and Lee University School of Law. Ms. Long was a University Scholar and 1985 Honors Graduate from the Pennsylvania State University (cum laude) with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies. She attended the Taiwan National University and the Fu Ren Catholic University (Taiwan). Ms. Long is fluent in Spanish and has some familiarity with Chinese and Arabic.