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Wm. J. Olson is a professor at the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. Recently he was the President and CEO of Olson & Associates, a diversified consultancy providing a variety of services to corporate, government, and private sector clients. Most recently, he was the Chief of the Information Management Unit in the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), Baghdad, Iraq. The IMU reported to the Administrator and was responsible for the collection, analysis, and publication of CPA-related information on Iraq reconstruction. He was formerly the Staff Director for the US Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. The Caucus, co-chaired by Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa, is a formal organization of the Senate with the status of a standing committee. Established in 1986, its charter includes monitoring US international counter narcotics policies and efforts. The Caucus conducts congressional oversight, holds hearings, and conducts investigations of executive branch agencies and international drug control efforts. In working for the Caucus, Dr. Olson developed legislation supporting community anti-drug coalitions, federal law enforcement, National Guard counter drug funding, money laundering, and support to US Customs and the Coast Guard.

Before joining the Caucus, Dr. Olson was a Senior Fellow at the National Strategy Information Center, a Washington think tank. While at the Center, Dr. Olson worked on projects on global ungovernability, on international organized crime, and on bank security issues. He was a consultant on national security issues and on drug policy, working with such companies as Unisys, as well as with a wide variety of government agencies and the intelligence community. He is the co-author of two NSIC studies on International Organized Crime and on Ethnic and Religious Nationalism. He is the co-author of, *The Gray Area Phenomena: Confronting the New World Disorder*, and is co-editor and co-author of *Managing Contemporary Conflict*, with a forward by Lawrence Eagleburger, an in-depth look at the policies needed to deal with a changing world threatened by terrorists, international criminals, and instability. He is the co-creator and co-editor of *Trends in Organized Crime*, an international journal that focuses on ways to disrupt criminal organizations. He has worked on intelligence reform, counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, and on drug control issues, completing a study for the Heritage Foundation opposing drug legalization. He was also a participant in and contributor to working groups at CSIS and the Heritage Foundation on homeland security.

Formerly, Dr. Olson was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters at the Department of State. The Bureau had primary responsibility for the oversight of US international counter-narcotics policy, and managed its own programs, including a fleet of over 60 aircraft, with a budget of \$150m. His duties included working on long-range planning and budgeting, program evaluation, strategic planning, intelligence liaison, law enforcement liaison, Congressional relations, and public affairs. He chaired various interagency panels to develop counter-narcotics strategies for heroin, source and transit countries, and the Andes. He co-chaired the INM-DEA oversight committee for Joint Information Collection Centers, with sites in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Before joining the State Department, he was Director and served as Deputy Assistant Secretary (acting) for Low Intensity Conflict in the Department of Defense, where his office had primary oversight of LIC-related policy. Work included planning and policy development for peacekeeping operations, counter-insurgency, and counter narcotics. He also participated in the development of the President's National Strategy for LIC and the Andean Strategy on drug policy. He was a participant on the Secretary of Defense's Commission on Long-Range Strategy, and the Joint Service Secretaries' Study of OSD Reorganization. Before going to OSD, Dr. Olson was a senior analyst on Southwest Asia at the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College.

Dr. Olson has traveled extensively in Asia, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and the Caribbean. He has lectured extensively to civilian and military audiences on drug policy, the Iran-Iraq war, Middle East affairs, Latin American affairs, and US foreign and defense policy in the United States and abroad. He has appeared on numerous television and radio programs worldwide, including in Australia, Canada, Europe, the United States, and Latin America. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He helped to organize a course for US and international students on civil-military relations for the Air Force, a course that brought together senior and mid-level civilian officials and military officers from Eastern Europe, Africa, and Latin America to work on national strategic planning. He helped to organize and run an international meeting for police and justice agencies in Asia on analyzing and responding to organized crime. He has worked on issues related to peacekeeping and post-conflict management.

He has served as a member of NSIC's Working Group on International Organized Crime, and the Consortium on Intelligence's Working Group on Intelligence Reform. He has been a consultant with US law enforcement, intelligence and national policy agencies, and has worked extensively on drug policy issues with key congressional committees. He also was on the board of the Caribbean Hospital Relief Fund, a private, non-profit organization that raised money and supplies to support hospitals in the Caribbean and Central America.

His published works include over 50 articles and books on light forces, US strategic interests in the Persian Gulf, the Iran-Iraq war, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, guerrilla warfare, terrorism, the war on drugs, conflict management, and on studies on international organized crime and homeland security. He was the editor of a book series on regional conflict through Harper-Collins, founded the *Journal of Small Wars and Insurgencies*, edited a special volume for the Annals of Political Science on small wars, served on the editorial board of Parameters, and was co-creator and co-editor of *Trends in Organized Crime*, an international journal. Dr. Olson serves on the international advisory board for *Terrorism*, an electronic journal on responding to transnational threats.