

The Honorable Charles E. Allen

Principal



Areas of Focus:

- Homeland security threat assessments and information sharing programs
- Counterterrorism and counter-proliferation threat analysis
- Critical infrastructure risk assessments
- Crisis and risk management
- Corporate strategic planning

Previous Government Service:

- Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (2007 – 2009)
- Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis and Chief of Intelligence, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (2005 – 2007)
- Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Collection, Central Intelligence Agency (1998-2005)

At DHS, Charles E. Allen developed the department's intelligence architecture, integrated its intelligence activities and ensured that they were continuously aligned with the department's evolving priorities. He also accelerated and expanded the department's processes for sharing intelligence with state and local security and law enforcement officials.

At Chertoff Group, Mr. Allen will bring to bear his extensive experience in intelligence program management, analysis and production; intelligence collection management; system acquisition and warning intelligence.

During his more than 40 years at the CIA, Mr. Allen became as much a legend as a respected senior official. He earned a reputation for plain speaking, even when his opinions differed from those of senior officials.

Mr. Allen became the principal adviser to the Director of Central Intelligence on collection management, where he revolutionized the way the various national intelligence agencies coordinate and target their activities. In the same vein, he chaired the National Intelligence Collection Board, which united all intelligence agencies under common collection strategies.

He also served as CIA's National Intelligence Officer for Warning, Director of the National Warning Staff, National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism and Deputy Chief for Intelligence of CIA's Counterterrorism Center. He also directed the DCI Hostage Location Task Force, which focused on locating American hostages held by Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a distinguished graduate of the Air War College; he also did graduate studies at Auburn University.