Analytic Position Descriptions

Analysts are skilled subject-matter experts who study and evaluate information from many sources. Information flows in from around the world, including satellite surveillance, foreign newspapers and broadcasts, and human contacts. This information varies widely in terms of reliability, and often it is conflicting or incomplete. The analyst's role is to develop meaningful and usable intelligence assessments from all of those sources. Often this is like putting together the pieces of a puzzle, received at different times from different places, to form a picture that is complete enough to comprehend — even when some pieces are still missing.

- **Analytic Methodologists** develop and apply new or established approaches to analysis — such as statistical, polling, econometric, mathematical, or geospatial modeling methodologies — to add rigor and precision to the DI's overall intelligence analysis and collection.
- **Counterintelligence Threat Analysts** collect, study, and interpret a range of reports to identify and prevent foreign intelligence operations that threaten the US Government or Intelligence Community.
- **Counterterrorism Analysts** help warn of terrorist threats by assessing the leadership, motivations, plans, and intentions of foreign terrorist groups and their state and nonstate sponsors.
- **Crime and Counternarcotics Analysts** follow international narcotics trafficking and organized crime groups to detect emerging trends and patterns that will affect US national security.
- **Economic Analysts** use their specialized skills to analyze and interpret economic trends and developments, assess and track foreign financial activities, and develop new econometric and modeling methodologies.
- **Intelligence Collection Analysts** apply their expertise on intelligence collection systems capabilities, processes, and policies to drive the flow of intelligence information and provide colleagues the data needed to understand and analyze issues.
- **Leadership Analysts** collect and analyze information on foreign leaders and organizations to offer US policymakers insights on their foreign counterparts.
- **Medical and Health Analysts** are physicians who analyze and assess global health issues, such as disease outbreaks, and who follow the health of foreign leaders.
- **Military Analysts** help US policymakers stay on top of threats by following foreign military and technical developments that affect another country's ability to wage war or to threaten regional or international stability.
- **Political Analysts** look at political, social, cultural, and historical information to interpret intelligence about foreign political systems and developments.
- **Psychological and Psychiatric Analysts** tap their expertise in psychology, psychiatry, or sociology to study the health of foreign officials and to assess the psychological and social factors that influence world events.
- **Science, Technology and Weapons Analysts** use their unique technical and scientific knowledge to identify and analyze weapons proliferation and proliferators; conventional weapons systems; chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons; information warfare; computer systems; and energy security.
- **Targeting Analysts** use network analysis techniques and specialized analytical tools to identify and detail key figures and organizations who may pose a threat to US interests.