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John McCreary is the Owner and chief editor of NightWatch, LLC. Mr. McCreary has over 50 years of experience as a professional analyst and is a distinguished and decorated 40-year veteran of defense and air force intelligence. He is the author of the internationally acclaimed threat newsletter NightWatch.

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Mr. McCreary joined the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1968 as an intelligence research specialist, specializing in Chinese language and studies. Between 1980 and 1992 he was the senior analyst and Director, National Warning Staff, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence. In 1992 he served as the lead attorney-investigator for the Senate Select Committee for POW/MIA affairs.

From 1993 until his retirement from DIA in 2006, he was the senior analyst in the Directorate of Intelligence, J2, Joint Staff in the Pentagon. He was promoted to senior rank in the first class of Defense Intelligence Senior Level Experts in DIA. At the time of his departure from DIA in 2006, he was the senior ranking Defense Intelligence Senior Level Expert in the agency and in the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

He has received dozens of commendations, citations, medals and awards from the Intelligence Community, the CIA and the DIA. In 2004 he received a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service; the only DIA analyst to have received this award.

Mr. McCreary is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1968, and a graduate of Georgetown Law Center. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and the Virginia State Bar.

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In addition to **NightWatch**, his other publications include, The Latest Intelligence Crisis, with US Circuit Court Judge Richard A. Posner, in *Intelligence and National Security*, Volume 23, Issue 3, 2008; *Intelligence as Evidence*, J2 monograph,1996; *Analysis of Political Instability*, J2 monograph, 1995; *Warning Cycles*, Studies in Intelligence, 1983.
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