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Michael Leiter serves as the Head of Global Government & Cyber Operations, and Senior Counselor to the Chief Executive Officer, of Palantir Technologies, which specializes in big data solutions for governments and private enterprise and is one of the largest private technology companies in the United States. Mike reports to Palantir's CEO and oversees all of Palantir's work with governments in the U.S., Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Australasia, as well as Palantir's cyber defense work with several Fortune 500 corporations. Under Mike's direction, Palantir's government and cyber revenue grew by more than 400%, and the company expanded into numerous new countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the three largest U.S. municipal markets, as well as initiating several new business focus areas.

Prior to entering the private sector, Mike served as the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) from 2007 until 2011, having been nominated to the position by President George W. Bush and confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate. Mike was one of the few senior national security officials asked to continue in his position by President Barack Obama.

As the Director of NCTC, Mike led the primary organization in the U.S. government for analysis and integration of all terrorism intelligence, both domestically and overseas. In addition, Mike reported directly to the President for strategic operational planning of all U.S. counterterrorism activities, to include the integration of military, intelligence, diplomatic, financial, cyber, and homeland security counterterrorism programs and operations. He was also intimately involved in all aspects of the raid that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden in 2011. As NCTC's Director, Mike led more than 1,200 personnel, managed an annual budget of more than \$400 million, and represented the U.S. counterterrorism community before the U.S. Congress and with numerous foreign governments; in addition, he advised the Office of Management and Budget on the allocation of more than \$100 billion annually for government-wide counterterrorism activities.

Before NCTC, Mike served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the nation's first Cabinet-level intelligence coordinator, and as the Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Director of the President's Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the "Robb-Silberman Commission").

From 2002 until 2005, Mike served with the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he investigated and tried a wide variety of federal crimes to include money laundering, racketeering, organized crime, and capital murder. Immediately prior he served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States and Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. From 1991 until 1997, Mike served as a Naval Flight Officer flying EA-6B Prowler carrier-based jets in the U.S. Navy, and participated in combat and peacekeeping operations in the former Yugoslavia and Iraq.

Mike received his J.D. from Harvard, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was President of the Harvard Law Review, and his B.A. from Columbia. He serves as NBC News' principal National Security, Counterterrorism, and Cyber Analyst, and is a member of the RAND Corporation's Board of Trustees, several advisory panels for the National Security Agency (NSA), the American Law Institute's Board of Advisers on Information Privacy, the NCTC Director's Advisory Board, the Bipartisan Policy Center Homeland Security Project, the Aspen Institute's Homeland Security Advisory Group, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He also served as the inaugural Scholar-in-Residence at New York University Law School's Center on Law and Security. He is the recipient of numerous awards, to include the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Outstanding Public Service Medal, the CIA Seal, and the Air Medal (Strike Flight, Three Awards).