ODNI And the Strategic Environment

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AGENDA

- Introduction to ODNI
- Emerging Security Environment/ Enduring Global Realities
- Global Trends: Future Strategic Environment
- Terrorism
- The Terrorist Threat to the Homeland
- Closing Thoughts
Emerging Security Environment

- Dynamic and complex; even less predictable
- Nontraditional struggles, environments and adversaries
Enduring Global Realities – A Strategic View

- Reactions to Western power
- Regional military powers
- Globalization
- Uneven demographic and economic growth
- Technology proliferation
- Bad governance
Global Trends: Future Strategic Environment

- Changing Demographics
  - Most increase in developing world
  - “Youth Bulge”
  - Increased demand on resources and stress on governance

- Resources – Competition and Conflict
  - Energy and Water
  - Stress on economies and governance
Global Trends: Future Strategic Environment

- Globalization
  - Haves and Have-Nots
  - Absorption Rates
  - Cultural Backlash

- Governance
  - Failed States
  - Ungoverned Spaces

- Ideological & religious extremism
  - Education and Development
  - Is “Moderation” Possible?
Global Trends: Future Strategic Environment

- Health
  - Public Health – AIDS
  - Pandemic

- Crime/Narcotics Trafficking
  - Nexus with Terrorism
  - Alternate Economies – Colombia & Afghanistan
“Gentlemen, I notice that there are always three courses [of action] open to an enemy, and that he usually takes the fourth.”

Field Marshall General Helmuth von Moltke