RESTRUCTURING IN THE DS&T

Created to bring technology to bear on the challenges of national intelligence, the Directorate of Science and Technology has a proud history of successful development and operation of complex technologies, which made major contributions to intelligence collection during the Cold Building on this history, a readjustment of focus and resources is under way, which recognizes that the major problems and opportunities facing intelligence in the years to come are those of the new Information Age. Agency management understands that the same information technology that is creating many intelligence challenges also offers solutions. We need to take advantage of this technology to change our operations fundamentally, to rethink the way we do business. We must redirect intelligence as an overall integrated enterprise, improving collaboration and cooperation among intelligence agencies and with customers. The ongoing readjustment of focus and resources should be understood within this context.

The DS&T restructuring is intially marked by the planned launching of three new offices, with distinct but closely related functions. The first, the Clandestine Information Technology Office, will address collection capabilities within emerging information technologies. The second, the Office of Advanced Analytical Tools, will address the problems of information overload. Analysis in all phases of the intelligence process can benefit enormously from the innovative application of modern information technology. This office will enhance the meeting of intelligence requirements through the successful application of technology. The third, the Office of Advanced Projects, will address the insertion of technology into the intelligence process. It will facilitate the transfer of technology from various sources and expedite its operational application.

This restructuring is the beginning of a larger transformation. While many specifics of this restructuring remain to be developed, the direction is clear - ensuring that the DS&T remains ready to meet the challenges of a constantly changing future.