

Bobby Ray Inman

Born: 4-Apr-1931
Birthplace: Rhonesboro, TX

Gender: Male
Race or Ethnicity: White
Sexual orientation: Straight
Occupation: Military, Government, Business
Party Affiliation: Republican

Nationality: United States
Executive summary: Admiral, NSA Director, Deputy CIA Director

Military service: US Navy (1951-82)

Bobby Ray Inman joined the Navy in 1951 and worked his way up through Naval Intelligence until he achieved the rank of four-star admiral. Admiral Inman was President [Bill Clinton](#)'s nominee for Defense Secretary in 1993. His nomination survived a minor scandal involving \$6,000 in unpaid payroll taxes for his part-time housekeeper, but it was finally scuttled by a scathing column in the *New York Times* by [William Safire](#). As Deputy Secretary of Defense, Inman had decided to limit the amount of satellite surveillance the Pentagon would furnish to Israel.



"In early 1981 when the Israelis bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor, I looked at the distance on the map from Israel and Baghdad and thought, 'I wonder how and where they got the targeting material?' We had long-established procedures that in honoring our commitment for Israel's defense, we permitted Israel to requisition satellite photography of potential direct threats to their systems. When I asked what materials had been drawn under that process for the last six months, I found not only a lot of information on Baghdad had been drawn, but also on other countries substantially removed from Israel -- Pakistan, Libya. And I made the decision as the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the acting director, to limit the process, to say that in the future they could draw material within 250 miles of the border, but beyond that, they would have to ask."

During a March 1979 speech in front of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, National Security Agency director Inman recommended an aggressive policy of security through obscurity by censoring public discussions about codebreaking:

"There is a very real and critical danger that unrestrained public discussion of cryptologic matters will seriously damage the ability of this government to conduct signals intelligence and the ability of this government to carry out its mission of protecting national security information from hostile exploitation. [...] While some people outside NSA express concern that the government has too much power to control nongovernmental cryptologic activities, in candor, my concern is that the government has too little."

Father: (owned a gas station)
Wife: Nancy (2 sons)
Son: (Navy pilot)

High School: Mineola High School, Mineola, TX (1946)
University: [BA History, University of Texas at Austin \(1950\)](#)
University: [National War College \(1972\)](#)
Administrator: [Trustee, California Institute of Technology](#)

[Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board](#) Chairman (1991-93)
[Westmark Systems](#) CEO (1986-89)
[Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation](#) President and CEO (1983-86)
[CIA Deputy Director](#) (12-Feb-1981 to 10-Jun-1982)
[NSA Director](#) (1977-81)
Member of the Board of [Dell](#) (1987-93)
Member of the Board of [Evolutionary Technologies International](#) (as Chairman)
Member of the Board of [Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas](#) (as Chairman, 1987-90)
Member of the Board of [Fluor](#)
Member of the Board of [Massey Energy](#) (1985-; as Chairman, 2010-)
Member of the Board of [Oracle](#)
Member of the Board of [SAIC](#)
Member of the Board of [SBC](#)
Member of the Board of [Temple-Inland](#) (1987-94-)
Member of the Board of [Wackenhut](#)
Member of the Board of [Westmark Systems, Inc.](#) (as Chairman, 1986-89)
Member of the Board of [Xerox](#)



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Note: At the time this was published, Inman had left the NSA and CIA and was the CEO of Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation. Inman would join the Boards of SAIC, Wackenhut, Evolutionary Technologies International, Massey Energy and SBC over the next few years before being nominated by President Bill Clinton as Secretary of Defense (before nomination was withdrawn). Inman also managed Limestone Ventures, a start-up technology investment firm.

Wackenhut and SAIC are linked to allegations of secretive UAP work, most notably in CSETI's briefing to Congress (see 30 August 1996).

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