

# OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

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John D. Hill

Principal Director for East Asia



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**CURRENT ASSIGNMENT:** John D. Hill is the Principal Director for East Asia in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, a position he has held since May 2009 and that he previously held from October 2006 to February 2009. He oversees policy development regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and Taiwan.

**PAST EXPERIENCE:** During the transition of administrations, Mr. Hill served as the Principal Director for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia from February 2009 – May 2009. In this capacity, he led the office in the administration's development of its Afghanistan-Pakistan strategy and oversaw defense and security policies related to the Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

From 1999-2006, Mr. Hill served as the Senior Country Director for Japan and the Director for Northeast Asia, with responsibilities for our alliance relationships with Japan and the ROK and security policies toward the DPRK.

Mr. Hill served from 1997-99 as the Director for Japan Armaments Cooperation in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, where he oversaw bilateral equipment cooperation activities, including negotiation of agreements for collaboration in missile defense.

As a Mansfield Fellow from 1995-97, Mr. Hill studied Japanese language and culture, and served assignments with the Japan Defense Agency, the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren), and Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

From 1994-95, Mr. Hill served as Director for International Economic Policy for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security. He coordinated policy on offsets in military exports, developed policies for recovery of cost savings in mergers and acquisitions, and was the Executive Secretary for the Defense Policy Advisory Committee on Trade, a CEO-level advisory group.

From 1989-94, Mr. Hill served as Assistant for International Economic Affairs in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy where he was a member of the team that developed the Gulf War program under which coalition partners contributed \$54 billion to defray U.S. costs.

Mr. Hill entered DOD as a Presidential Management Intern (1987-89), serving assignments with the Army Security Assistance Command, the Office of Management and Budget, and OSD.

**EDUCATION:** Mr. Hill received his Masters Degree in International Affairs from American University in 1986, and earned a Bachelors Degree in Political Science at UCLA in 1984.