

Michael Cronin

Director, Homeland Security, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC).

Before joining CSC, Mr. Cronin was a career Immigration Officer and Federal senior executive who served in key executive roles in the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Cronin served as INS's Assistant Commissioner for Inspections, responsible for INS operations at the Nation's ports of entry and for determinations of the admissibility of individuals to the United States. Mr. Cronin was either personally responsible for or led numerous key innovations and implemented many major new programs. Notable among these was the IBIS watchlist system, the Visa Waiver Program, the Advance Passenger Information System, automated inspections systems (SENTRI, NEXUS, INSPASS), and the introduction of a wide variety of technologies such as passport readers and biometric scanners. Additionally, Mr. Cronin was the ultimate decision maker on many sensitive or controversial admissibility issues.

From 1996 to 2001 Mr. Cronin served as INS's Associate Commissioner and, subsequently, Executive Associate Commissioner for Programs, responsible for agency-wide program development and for development of regulations, policy and standards for implementation of immigration law.

After the events of September 11, 2001 and the INS reorganization of March, 2002, Mr. Cronin became INS's Assistant Commissioner for Inspections and Policy. He resumed his leadership role in border security, served as a key policy advisor to the Commissioner of INS, and worked closely with the Department of Justice and other Federal departments and agencies to formulate the Nation's response to those events.

Following the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in March, 2003, Mr. Cronin joined the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection as its Associate Commissioner for Immigration Policy and Programs. He oversaw the transfer of relevant INS personnel and assets to CBP and initiated CBP's programs to assume responsibility for application of immigration law and for admissibility determinations.

Additionally, from 1991 to 2003, Mr. Cronin served as the Chair of the Immigration Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Cronin served as the Chair of the Data Management Improvement Act Task Force. Mr. Cronin was the INS representative on the Boards of Directors of the International Trade Data System, the Joint Automated Booking System, and the IDENT/IAFIS system.

Mr. Cronin retired from Federal service in October, 2003.

Mr. Cronin served in U.S. Army Intelligence in Vietnam in 1970-71. He is a 1969 graduate of the University of Dayton with a B.A. in Anthropology.

As a CSC employee, Mr. Cronin continues to draw on his experience and knowledge of border security and immigration law and policy to assist CSC in meeting its responsibilities to support, sustain, and improve critical Federal information technology infrastructure and applications. He is directly responsible for CSC's operations in US Citizenship and Immigration Services.