

MIKE ROGERS

BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

Personal Information

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Education

Auburn University

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AND

Naval War College

Newport, RI 02841 (Andrea Peterson, "Meet The Man Who Could Be Next In Line To Control The NSA's Spying Apparatus," [The Washington Post](#), 10/16/13)

Work Experience

March 2014 – Present: National Security Agency – Director

March 2014 – Present: U.S. Cyber Command – Commander

March 2014 – Present: Central Security Service – Chief

2011 – 2014: U.S. Fleet Cyber Command – Commander

2009 – 2011: Joint Chiefs Of Staff – Director Of Intelligence

2007 – 2009: U.S. Pacific Command – Director Of Intelligence ("U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet Holds Change of Command," [U.S. Navy](#), 10/06/2011)

2003 – 2007: Joint Chiefs Of Staff – Leadership of J3 Computer Network Attack/Defense Shop, Executive Assistant To The J3, Executive Assistant To The Director Of The Joint Staff, Special Assistant To The Chairman Of The Joint Chiefs Of Staff, Director Of The Chairman's Action Group, And Leader Of The JCS Joint Strategic Working Group

1998 – 2000: Naval Security Group, Activity Winter Harbor, Maine – Commander

Re-Designated In 1986: U.S. Navy – Cryptology Officer

1981 – 1986: U.S. Navy – Surface Warfare Officer

U.S. Navy, 6th Fleet – Fleet Information Operations (IO) Officer And Fleet Cryptologist

U.S. Navy, Carrier Group Two – Senior Cryptologist

Naval Security Group Command – Aide And Executive Assistant To The Commander

U.S. Atlantic Command – Officer

CJTF 120 Operations Support Democracy Haiti – Officer

Joint Force Maritime Component, Europe – Officer

Naval Security Group Department, NAVCOMSTA Officer

Bureau Of Personnel Cryptologic Junior Officer Detailer ("Biography Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service," [NSA](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

TRUMP-PENCE

Trump

No Known Statements

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RNC

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Priebus

No Known Statements

GENERAL CONTROVERSY

Criminal Filings

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Rogers' Tenure As NSA Director Has Faced Criticism

Defense Secretary Ash Carter And Director Of National Intelligence James Clapper Recently Recommended President Obama Remove Adm. Rogers As Head Of The National Security Agency.

"The heads of the Pentagon and the nation's intelligence community have recommended to President Obama that the director of the National Security Agency, Adm. Michael S. Rogers, be removed. The recommendation, delivered to the White House last month, was made by Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter and Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr., according to several U.S. officials familiar with the matter. Action has been delayed, some administration officials said, because relieving Rogers of his duties is tied to another controversial recommendation: to create separate chains of command at the NSA and the military's cyberwarfare unit, a recommendation by Clapper and Carter that has been stalled because of other issues." (Ellen Nakashima, "Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA," [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)

- **Sec. Carter Has "Concerns With Rogers's Performance," While Clapper Has Been Concerned About The "Separation Of Leadership Roles At The NSA And U.S. Cyber Command."** "Carter has concerns with Rogers's performance, officials said. The driving force for Clapper, meanwhile, was the separation of leadership roles at the NSA and U.S. Cyber Command, and his stance that the NSA should be headed by a civilian." (Ellen Nakashima, "Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA," [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)
- **Rogers' Recent Meeting With Donald Trump Cause "Consternation At Senior Levels Of The Administration."** "In a move apparently unprecedented for a military officer, Rogers, without notifying superiors, traveled to New York to meet with Trump on Thursday at Trump Tower. That caused consternation at senior levels of the administration, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal personnel matters." (Ellen Nakashima, "Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA," [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)

Rogers' "Handling Of U.S. Cyber Command's Cyberoffensive" Against ISIS Has Been Scrutinized By Defense Secretary Ash Carter. "At the same time, Rogers has not impressed Carter with his handling of U.S. Cyber Command's cyberoffensive against the Islamic State. Over the past year or so, the command's operations against the terrorist group's networks in Syria and Iraq have not borne much fruit, officials said. In the past month, military hackers have been successful at disrupting some Islamic State networks, but it was the first time they had done that, the officials said." (Ellen Nakashima, "Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA," [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)

NSA Employees Have Complained That Rogers Has Neglected The Agency "In Favor Of His Other Job, Running The Military's Cyber Command." "Employees at the National Security Agency complain that the director, Adm. Michael Rogers, is neglecting the intelligence agency in favor of his other job, running the military's Cyber Command, three sources with deep knowledge of the NSA have told BuzzFeed News. 'He's spending all his time at CYBERCOM,' one NSA insider said. 'Morale is bad because of a lack of leadership.' A second source, who is close to the agency, agreed that employees are complaining that Rogers doesn't seem to focus on leading the agency. A third said "there is that vibe going on. But I don't know if it's true.'" (Aram Reston, "Where s The Love At The NSA? Director Said To Neglect Embattled Spy Agency," [BuzzFeed](#) 7/30/15)

During Rogers' Tenure As Head Of The NSA, The Agency Came Under A Great Deal Of Scrutiny For Allowing Chief Technology Officer Patrick Dowd To Moonlight With A Private Cybersecurity Firm. "The U.S. National Security Agency has launched an internal review of a senior official's part-time work for a private venture started by former NSA director Keith Alexander that raises questions over the blurring of lines between government and business. Under the arrangement, which was confirmed by Alexander and current intelligence officials, NSA's Chief Technical Officer, Patrick Dowd, is allowed to work up to 20 hours a week at IronNet Cybersecurity Inc, the private firm led by Alexander, a retired Army general and his former boss. The arrangement was approved by top NSA managers, current and former officials said. It does not appear to break any laws and it could not be determined whether Dowd has actually begun working for Alexander, who retired from the NSA in March." (Warren Strobel and Mark Hosenball, "Exclusive NSA Reviewing Deal Between Official, Ex Spy Agency Head," [Reuters](#), 10/27/14)

Rogers Oversaw The Response To Iran's Breach Of Navy Computer Systems Which Came Under The Microscope Leading Up To His Confirmation

Lawmakers Raised Questions About The Iranian Breach Of Navy Computer Systems And The Response Led By Rogers, Though Defense Officials Strongly Defended Him. "Details remain classified and murky, but the penetration allowed the Iranians to conduct surveillance on the Navy's and Marine Corps' unclassified networks, said the senior U.S. official. While that official said the intruders were able to compromise communications on the network, a senior defense official said no email accounts were hacked and no data was stolen. 'We were able to eliminate the bad guys from our networks,' the senior defense official said. The military response, an effort known as Operation Rolling Tide, was overseen by Adm. Rogers as the Navy's chief of cybersecurity. But Adm. Rogers, who has also been nominated as chief of the military's Cyber Command, will likely defer most answers at his confirmation hearing to a classified hearing. While lawmakers have raised questions, senior officials defended Adm. Rogers, saying the Navy response demonstrated leadership and helped buttress the military's overall cyberdefenses." (Siobhan Gorman and Julian Barnes, "Iranian Hacking to Test NSA Nominee Michael Rogers," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/18/14)

While Under Rogers' Leadership, Officials Have Found Two Major Compromises Of Sensitive Hacking Tools By NSA Personnel

During Rogers' Tenure At NSA "Officials Have Discovered Two Major Compromises Of Sensitive Hacking Tools" Used By NSA Personnel. "Instead, in the past year and a half, officials have discovered two major compromises of sensitive hacking tools by personnel working at the NSA's premier hacking unit: the Tailored Access Operations." (Ellen Nakashima, "Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA," [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)

- **One Breach Involved A Booz Allen Hamilton Contractor Who Is Accused Of Carrying Out The “Largest Theft Of Classified Government Material.”** “One involved a Booz Allen Hamilton contractor, Harold T. Martin III, who is accused of carrying out the largest theft of classified government material. Although some of his activity took place before Rogers arrived and at other agencies, some of it including the breach of some of the most sensitive tools continued on Rogers’s watch, the officials said.” (Ellen Nakashima, “Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA,” [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)
- **Another Breach, Was Discovered In Summer Of 2015 And Carried Out By A Tailored Access Operations Employee.** “But there was a second, previously undisclosed breach of cybertools, discovered in the summer of 2015, which was also carried out by a TAO employee, one official said. That individual also has been arrested, but his case has not been made public. The individual is not believed to have shared the material with another country, the official said.” (Ellen Nakashima, “Pentagon And Intelligence Community Chiefs Have Urged Obama To Remove The Head Of The NSA,” [The Washington Post](#), 11/19/16)

During Part Of Rogers Tenure As Head Of The NSA, It Was Revealed That The Agency Had Been Spying On Congress And Foreign Allies

In Late 2014, During Rogers Time At The NSA, The Agency Captured Communications From Congress And Israel Related To The Iran Nuclear Deal. “Soon after, Israel’s lobbying campaign against the deal went into full swing on Capitol Hill, and it didn’t take long for administration and intelligence officials to realize the NSA was sweeping up the content of conversations with lawmakers. The message to the NSA from the White House amounted to: “You decide” what to deliver, a former intelligence official said.” (Adam Entous and Danny Yadron, “U.S. Spy Net on Israel Snares Congress,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 12/29/15)

- **“The NSA Reports Allowed Administration Officials To Peer Inside Israeli Efforts To Turn Congress Against The Deal.”** (Adam Entous and Danny Yadron, “U.S. Spy Net on Israel Snares Congress,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 12/29/15)
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- **In Reporting Related Communications To The White House The NSA Removed The Names Of Lawmakers And Personal Information From The Intelligence Reports.** “During Israel’s lobbying campaign in the months before the deal cleared Congress in September, the NSA removed the names of lawmakers from intelligence reports and weeded out personal information. The agency kept out “trash talk,” officials said, such as personal attacks on the executive branch.” (Adam Entous and Danny Yadron, “U.S. Spy Net on Israel Snares Congress,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 12/29/15)



Libya

Rogers Was Characterized As An “Instrumental” Advisor In The Run Up To The 2011 NATO Bombings In Libya. “In 2011, in the run-up to the NATO bombing campaign against Libya, Rogers ‘was instrumental in helping me understand what was going on,’ Stavridis said, adding, ‘He was able to provide us visibility into Libya and was able to do that in real time so that we could make decisions in combat throughout that operation.’” (Ellen Nakashima, “NSA nominee Michael S. Rogers has made fans during a steady rise to the top,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/3/14)

POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS


NSA Data Collection Program

Rogers Supported Obama’s Decision To Move The Bulk Data Collection Program Run At The NSA To A Third Party Organization. “The House Intelligence Committee’s Republican and Democratic leaders said Thursday they’re nearing agreement on legislation that would end the National Security Agency’s bulk collection of U.S. citizens’ telephone data... Obama floated several ideas in a speech in January, including having the individual phone companies hold onto the call data or forming a third party that would pool the information, but left the details to his national security team... Vice Adm. Mike Rogers, Obama’s pick to be the next director of the NSA, told a Senate panel on Tuesday that he supports Obama’s call to move the information from the NSA to an outside entity or third party.” (Darren Samuelsohn, “Panel ‘Close To Killing NSA Programs,” [Politico](#), 3/13/14)

When Asked About Edward Snowden, Rogers Said “I Don’t Know That I Would Use The Word Traitor...” “Pressed by Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia on whether he’d describe Snowden as a traitor, though, Rogers opted instead for more diplomatic terms. ‘I don’t know that I’d use the word traitor, but I certainly do not consider him to be a hero,’ said Rogers, currently the Navy’s top cyber official.” (Darren Samuelsohn, “Senators Grill Rogers On Surveillance,” [Politico](#), 3/11/14)

Following His Appointment As NSA Chief, Rogers Said The Snowden Leaks Were Damaging But Manageable. “The newly installed director of the National Security Agency says that while he has seen some terrorist groups alter their communications to avoid surveillance techniques revealed by Edward J. Snowden, the damage done over all by a year of revelations does not lead him to the conclusion that ‘the sky is falling.’” (David Sanger, “New N.S.A. Chief Calls Damage From Snowden Leaks Manageable,” [The New York Times](#), 6/29/14)

Encryption Issues



Despite His Statements As To How Difficult Encryption Is Making The NSA’s Job, Rogers Has Steered A “Middle Ground” In Terms Of Encryption Policy. “Rogers has at times sought to steer a middle ground in this debate, acknowledging that encryption is “foundational to our future” and even saying recently that arguing about it “is a waste of time.” In the Yahoo News interview, he frankly acknowledged, “I don’t know the answer” to unencrypting devices and applications without addressing the concerns over privacy and competitiveness, calling for a national collaboration among industry and government officials to solve the problem. But he left little doubt about the impact encryption is having on his agency’s mission.” (Julia Boccagno, “NSA Chief Speaks Candidly Of Russia And U.S. Election,” [CBS News](#), 11/17/16)

China

Rogers Touted The NSA's Role In Indicted Five Chinese Hackers; When Faced With Questions Of How The U.S. Involvement Would Impact Trade With China, Rogers Said It Would Be Very Minimal. "Both players accuse the other of cyberespionage to gain a business advantage, and cyberspying to gain an advantage in national security. In his first televised interview since taking the job, the director of the National Security Agency, Adm. Mike Rogers, told me on Bloomberg TV that the NSA played a role in the indictment of the five Chinese hackers. He downplayed concerns of worried Silicon Valley CEOs such as Cisco's John Chambers, claiming the negative impact on U.S. tech exports will be minimal, and that 'competition and the quality of what we do will win out. It's not by chance that the U.S. enjoys significant advantage in this market sector. It's because of what we're able to produce.'" (Trish Regan, "Trade War Would Have Heavy Fallout Cyberspying Dispute With China Threatens U.S. Tech Industry," *USA Today*, 6/9/14)

Russia

Michael Rogers Seemed To Imply That Russia Attempted To Use Hacking To Tip The Scales Towards Trump In The Election. "NSA Director Adm. Michael Rogers spoke candidly this week about the role of nation-states in affecting the outcome of the 2016 presidential election with cyber-attacks. 'There shouldn't be any doubts in anybody's mind: This was not something that was done casually, this was not something that was done by chance, this was not a target that was selected purely arbitrarily,' Rogers said at a Wall Street Journal election forum on Tuesday. 'This was a conscious effort by a nation state to attempt to achieve a specific effect.' Rogers is most likely referencing Russia, since U.S. officials have already openly accused Russia of hacking into the Democratic National Committee's internal email server in July. Similar 'spearfishing' tactics were attempted, according to U.S. intelligence officials, in the breaching of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's personal Gmail account." (Julia Boccagno, "NSA Chief Speaks Candidly Of Russia And U.S. Election," *CBS News* 11/17/16)

Israel

As NSA Chief, Rogers Has Worked Closely With Israel's Military Cyber Divisions, Including In A "Secret" Meeting In March Of 2016. "The head of the United States National Security Agency, Admiral Michael Rogers, was secretly in Israel last week for a working visit that dealt with forging closer cooperation in the cyber field with the Israel Defense Forces' Intelligence Corps Unit 8200, especially against attacks by Iran and Hezbollah, a senior Israeli official has told Haaretz. The NSA is the largest agency of the American intelligence community and deals with signal intelligence through monitoring, interception and analysis of communications such as telephone conversations, emails, communications between computers and other sources. The NSA is also responsible for protecting the computer and communications networks of the U.S. government from cyber attacks by hostile forces. It also carries out its own cyber attacks on countries or individuals that are considered intelligence or operational targets. A senior Israeli official noted that Rogers came to Israel as a guest of the commander of Unit 8200, but also met with senior officials from other Israeli intelligence agencies." (Barak Ravid, "U.S. National Security Agency Head Paid Secret Visit to Israel," *Haaretz* 3/27/16)

Iraq War

Rogers Was The Member Of A Council Tasked With Proposing Alternative Strategies During The Iraq War, Which Ultimately Paved The Way For The Troop Surge Strategy In Iraq. "Gen. Pace appointed Adm. Rogers, then a Navy captain, to lead an effort to come up with alternative war strategies. The group made up of colonels and Navy captains, dubbed the Council of Colonels, also reviewed U.S. counterterrorism strategy in addition to the broad war strategy. The Rogers-led group was credited with drafting a realistic assessment of the deteriorating conditions in Iraq and pointing out problems in the strategy pursued by U.S. Army leaders in that country. The Council had split over whether to recommend U.S. forces be increased or reduced, but military officers said the strategic rethink helped pave the way for the troop surge strategy eventually backed by then-President George W. Bush in 2007." (Julian Barnes and Siobhan Gorman, "NSA Pick Michael Rogers Is Steeped in Intelligence," *The Wall Street Journal* 1/31/14)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Political Affiliation

According To GOP Data Center, Michael Rogers Is Listed As A Registered Independent Voter In Cook County, IL. According To Nexis Michael Rogers Does Not Have Any Voter Registration Records Listed. (GOP Data Center and Nexis, Accessed 11/20/16)

DONATIONS

No Records Found

BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

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Lobbying

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