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James Marrs Begins Role as Director of IDA’s Intelligence Analyses Division

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 2020)—James Marrs assumed duties on Saturday, November 21, as Director of the Intelligence Analyses Division (IAD), one of eight research divisions in IDA’s Systems and Analyses Center.

“James brings substantial leadership experience in intelligence, cyber, and space,” said IDA President Norton A. Schwartz. “He recently retired as a Major General in the United States Air Force where he had a distinguished career leading highly skilled and diverse teams solving national security challenges.”

Marrs served most recently as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR). He was responsible for policy formulation, planning, evaluation, oversight, and leadership of Air Force ISR capabilities, including the development of 25,000 ISR Airmen and the integration of Air Force ISR planning with the Intelligence Community. He previously served as the Director of Intelligence at USCYBERCOM and as the Director for Intelligence for the Joint Staff. Marrs is familiar with IDA, having served as a National Defense Senior Service School Fellow at IDA from August 2002 through April 2003. He replaces Rick Porterfield, who served as the IAD Director since the Division was established in 2007.

Marrs holds a master’s degree in public policy from Harvard University and a master’s degree in airpower art and science from the Air University. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in international affairs from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

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