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Mr. Ranson currently serves as the Director of Hard Target Strategies for OPNAV N2N6I/Naval Intelligence Activity. He was appointed to this Defense Intelligence Senior Level (DISL) position in March 2019. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading initiatives to solve the Navy's most complex and highest priority intelligence challenges. Mr. Ranson works across the Intelligence Community and Department of Defense to execute intelligence initiatives that provide results to satisfy critical Navy capability development and Fleet operational requirements. He represents Naval Intelligence in a range of Intelligence Community leadership forums, ensuring focus and action against Navy priorities.

Previous roles Mr. Ranson has held in Naval Intelligence include Senior Intelligence Officer for Collections (OPNAV N2N6I), Functional Manager for Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPNAV N2N6I), and Functional Lead for Measurement & Signatures Intelligence (OPNAV N2N6I).

Prior to joining the Civil Service, Mr. Ranson held several positions in the private sector focused on management consulting.

Mr. Ranson holds a B.A. in Economics Management from Ohio Wesleyan University. He is an alumnus of the MIT Seminar XXI Program and is also a recipient of the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.