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National Security and Global Hot Spots. Former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates has called this international environment the most complex since the Second World War. Michael Morell looks at the issues facing our nation and offers audiences a debrief on the most pertinent, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and cyber operations. He shares insights on current threats and the geopolitical challenges that keep one of the nation's most legendary CIA leaders awake at night. In high-impact presentations, he navigates the complex web of national security issues while helping organizations understand the impact on their business. He also highlights the issues that directly affect organizations' interests — cyber security, corporate espionage, and more.

Individual Topic Focus: Looking at Issues like Terrorism, Cyber Security, the Middle East, Iran, or China. Michael Morell takes a deep dive into select national security issues chosen by his audience. Getting into the nitty-gritty details, he offers audiences a White House-caliber briefing on the issues they care about most. With vast expertise and stories based on his 33-year career at CIA, he looks at topics like terrorism, cyber security, the Middle East, Syria, Iran, and China. This presentation can be tailored to address almost any issue of interest. With a genuine enthusiasm and passion for solving our nation's hardest geopolitical challenges, Morell advised six presidents and now takes the time to explain these issues robustly to audiences and to explain why they matter to them.

The Golden Age of Intelligence. The intelligence community has never been more important to national security than it is today. It is simply not possible for the president and his national security team to understand the world and make the decisions necessary to protect the country without first-rate intelligence. However, the need for this intelligence also raises understandable concerns about privacy and civil liberties right here in the United States and its impact on U.S. businesses selling their products and services overseas. In presentations, Michael Morell shares insights on how we should think about the intelligence community and how it affects our lives, businesses, and jobs.

Leadership and the Secrets of Success. During his 33-year career at the CIA, Michael Morell was known for his leadership. He managed an agency equivalent in complexity to a top Fortune 500 firm, inspired peak performance, and mentored most of the agency's current senior leadership team. When David Petraeus took over at the CIA in 2011, it was Morell who shepherded the general into the role, and he twice served as acting director — longer than anyone in the history of the agency. In this presentation, Morell shares insights about effective leadership in large organizations, weaving nail-biting stories from his career into the discussion. Having worked from the bottom of the CIA to the top, he also delivers his principles to live and work by, offering insights about climbing the corporate ladder, cutting through bureaucracy, and creating a meaningful and rewarding career.

Public Service: Why It's Attractive and Meaningful. Michael Morell spent his entire career at the CIA, devoting his life to public service. In this presentation, he shares powerful and emotionally moving stories from his career and from his interactions with the country's and the world's top leaders. He looks at why public service is meaningful and how to encourage more people to spend time in the public sector.