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Elsa Lee is lecturer, CEO, and Principal Consultant of Advantage SCI, LLC based in El Segundo, CA – serving government and private industry clients globally. She has 26 years of experience in counterterrorism, counterintelligence, counterespionage investigations in the United States, Asia, Central America, and Europe. Elsa is a recognized expert in terrorism deterrence and counterintelligence methods. She has been featured and quoted extensively in national and international newspapers and professional journals and has appeared on CNN, FOX NEWS, CBS News, Voice of America, Canada Business Channel and in Japanese and Chinese publications.

Elsa has helped clients corporate and government clients effectively manage organizational security. As a 20-year counterintelligence agent with the U.S. Army, Elsa worked closely with FBI, CIA, Secret Service, NSA, and others such as Great Britain's MI-5, Germany's GSG-9 counterterrorism forces. She is one of the few experts in this nation trained in U.S., British, and Israeli counterintelligence and counterterrorism methods and operations. She has provided training to U.S. and foreign nationals including U.S. Presidential staff, White House executives, German, Russian, Central American, and U.S. military leaders, and international law enforcement and intelligence audiences in worldwide. She has taught leadership, global cultural relations, resource management, and business communications courses as an adjunct professor in Los Angeles. She speaks Spanish and German. Her education includes a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership, a graduate certificate in Human Resources, both from Chapman University and a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from the University of Maryland.

Recent accomplishments include: support to international counterintelligence programs, delivering antiterrorism training overseas for the U.S. Department of State, and first time studies on Railway, Port, and Critical Infrastructure vulnerability to terrorism in partnership with USC CREATE, RAND, and LAEDC. While in the military, she served in the Defense Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), U.S. Army Europe, the Pentagon, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & School, and the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA). At DNA, her liaison efforts with local, state, and federal and international law enforcement facilitated threat and vulnerability assessments, incident response, and contingency planning for terrorist attacks against nuclear facilities and WMD attacks.

In 1995, she served as the Chief Intelligence Officer of a joint task force in Central America. She planned, organized, and directed intelligence operations for the U.S. Army and investigated terrorist, criminal, and human trafficking cases jointly with host nation authorities. Her diplomacy skills with U.S. Embassy diplomats, senior military executives, and Central American officials facilitated timely and safe conduct of many operations and investigations that ensured Force Protection.

From 1980 to 1986, at the height of terrorist attacks against Americans in Europe, Elsa served on an international terrorism task force responsible for the capture of two terrorists and survived three terrorist attacks. She presented terrorism awareness, methodology, and ways to protect against terrorism to U.S. Armed Forces in Europe. She planned, organized, and directed over a thousand operations that deterred hostile intelligence activities and authored intelligence reports that had bearing on U.S. Presidential policy decisions. During her 20-year career as counterintelligence Special Agent with the U.S. Army, Elsa received numerous recognition awards and military honors including the highest military peacetime award possible, the Legion of Merit.