



## Robert L. Grenier

A highly decorated twenty-seven year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency's Clandestine Service and a renowned expert on the Middle East, South Asia, and Counterterrorism, Mr. Grenier played a central leadership role in the greatest national security challenges of his time. When 9/11 struck, he was the CIA's overseas Chief of Station for Pakistan and Afghanistan. After preparing the original War Plan for U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, approved by President George W. Bush on September 24, 2001, Mr. Grenier went on to organize and direct the joint CIA/Special Forces teams which combined with Afghan militias under Hamid Karzai and Gul Agha Shirzai to drive the Taliban and al-Qa'ida from southern Afghanistan.

Later, as the U.S. prepared to invade Iraq, Mr. Grenier was brought back to Washington and named CIA Iraq Mission Manager, responsible for all CIA intelligence operations and analysis in that country, and representing CIA in all White House policy deliberations on Iraq for a two and a half year period.

In the final two years of his CIA career, Mr. Grenier was Director of the CIA Counter-Terrorism Center, responsible for all CIA counterterrorism operations around the globe. In 2006, he retired from CIA and went into the private sector.

Earlier, Mr. Grenier was deputy National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia, and a special assistant to the Undersecretary of State. He conceived and organized the CIA's Counter-Proliferation Division, serving as its first Chief of Operations. He also headed the "Farm," CIA's basic training facility, where he authored the Clandestine Service's Code of Ethics.

Since leaving government, Mr. Grenier has become a recognized expert in global risk management, serving for three years as Chairman for Global Security Consulting at Kroll, Inc. He is currently Chairman of ERG Partners, an investment bank providing financial advisory services for firms in the Intelligence and Security sector.

While pursuing a business career, Mr. Grenier has appeared widely in both U.S. and international media, including many appearances on ABC, NBC, CBS (including 60 Minutes), CNN, Fox, PBS (including Frontline), NatGeo, History Channel, Smithsonian, NPR, BBC, VOA, CBC, Al Jazeera English, and many others; he also has been interviewed in literally dozens of leading print publications around the world. In addition, Mr. Grenier has been a featured speaker in the U.S, the Middle East, and India. He has written over 90 Op-Eds for Al Jazeera English, for whom he also has been an on-air political commentator. His book, *88 Days to Kandahar: A CIA Diary*, was published by Simon and Schuster in January, 2015.

Mr. Grenier received an AB in Philosophy from Dartmouth College, and later did graduate studies in Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia. He serves on several Boards, including the CIA Officers' Memorial Foundation, which educates the children of CIA officers killed in the line of duty. He is a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. When not sailing, he resides with his family in the Washington, DC area.