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Counterterrorism Expert Elsa Lee Bio

Elsa Lee is CEO, President, and Principal Consultant of Advantage SCI, LLC based in Redondo Beach, CA. She serves government and private industry clients globally. Lee has 23 years of public and private sector experience in counterintelligence, counterterrorism, counterespionage, threat and vulnerability assessments, and information systems security in the US and in 19 other countries. Lee is a member of InfraGard, Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, and an adjunct professor in the greater Los Angeles area. A well-regarded expert to the media, Lee has appeared on ABC-TV, CATV, NBC-TV, CNN, CBS, FOXNEWS, KNX, KFWB, KFI, TELEMUNDO-TV, Univision-TV, KUZZ, Radio UNICA, and ROB-TV Canada. She has also appeared in several newspapers including San Jose Mercury News, Los Angeles Newspaper Group, LA Daily News, the Daily Breeze, Inland Daily Bulletin, and San Bernardino Sun, the China Press, US Japan Business News, La Opinion, Government Security News Magazine, and San Diego Union Tribune. Additionally, Lee appeared on Time Warner's KVLV Channel 6 in the West San Fernando Valley, LA 36 in all Los Angeles cable households, the City's education and community access channel, Channel 16 in Santa Monica, and other municipal cable channels throughout the county. She has also done interviews on Clear Channel stations in her home state of Texas.

In the last two years, Elsa has helped clients in the security, government, law enforcement, insurance, financial, and apparel industries to achieve both organizational leadership and security excellence. As a 20-year military intelligence officer, some of her core competencies included threat and vulnerability assessments, public policy development, risk analysis, and contingency plan testing of port facilities, military bases, special weapons facilities, and the Pentagon. Elsa has also provided Homeland Security services to LAEDC, Sytex, Inc, US State Department, Coast Guard, and presented anti-terrorism and counterespionage training to the White House Communications Agency. She speaks Spanish and German and her education includes a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership and a graduate certificate in Human Resources from Chapman University and a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from the University of Maryland.

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, she established a network of partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies that facilitated threat and vulnerability assessments, public policy development, congressional oversight, incident response, and contingency planning for terrorist attacks against nuclear facilities and some of the nation's critical infrastructures.

In 1995, Lee served as the Chief Intelligence Officer of a joint task force in Honduras. She planned, organized, and directed intelligence operations in support of peacekeeping missions that protected U.S. Army engineers and medical teams from terrorist, criminal, and guerilla threats. Her diplomacy skills with U.S. Embassy diplomats, senior military executives, and Central American officials facilitated timely and safe conduct of 40 regional security assessments in U.S. occupied regions, force protection of several thousand U.S. forces, and executive protection of General Officers during a six-month period of high risk exposure to terrorist and guerilla threats, with zero fatalities and zero incidents.

From 1980 to 1986, at the height of terrorist attacks against Americans in Europe, Elsa served on a joint task force responsible for the capture and incarceration of two terrorists. She presented terrorism awareness, terrorist methodology, and ways to protect against terrorism to U.S. Armed Forces in Europe and their families. She planned, organized, and directed over a thousand operations that deterred activities of hostile intelligence operatives. She authored numerous intelligence reports, which had bearing on U.S. Presidential policy decisions. Lee worked closely with a multitude of U.S. and International law enforcement organizations during her 20-year career as a Special Agent with Army Intelligence and received numerous special recognition awards and military honors including the highest military peacetime award possible, the Legion of Merit.