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Mr. Stephenson was a career US Army Counterintelligence (CI) Special Agent and Surreptitious Entry Technician. He was Special Agent In-charge of a European CI Resident Office during the Cold War responsible for identifying, penetrating and neutralizing foreign operative cells and their collection attempts. He was a source control officer with collection priorities behind the Iron Curtain and wrote classified geopolitical External Factors reports and terrorist summaries for the cognizance of Flag Grade Officers and senior commanders. Mr. Stephenson was a CI asset on the 1st Infantry Division G2 staff, and served on the 18th MP Brigade S3 staff in Vietnam. He is an honor graduate of the US Army Physical Security School and later principal instructor in the Vietnam Combat Physical Security Course. He taught in the Central Texas College, European Criminal Justice Department and lectured at police academies, international physical security seminars and European business and government conferences. His military decorations include an Expert Marksman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Battle Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, the Meritorious Service Medal and the WW II Army Occupation Medal.

Mr. Stephenson's second career was a Resource Protection Analyst at Kennedy Space Center (KSC). He was a core member of the KSC Management Threat and Vulnerability Assessment Team and core contributor to the implementation of the Presidential directed National Resource Protection Program at KSC. He managed the KSC Locksmith Services Shop and drafted procedures for the KSC Registered Lock and Key Audit Program, and other security publications. Mr. Stephenson was security lead for the Hubble Telescope KSC move and a licensed HAZ-MAT Incident Commander. He wrote emergency contingency plans for the KSC Emergency Operations Center and Hurricane Ride-out Team. He received a NASA award for tremendous courage for his actions on the latter. Mr. Stephenson was a Security Manager at European Space Shuttle TransAtlantic abort sites and in Africa. He attended U.S. Ambassador Staff meetings to brief the NASA footprint. Mr. Stephenson was a Federal Officer with warrantless arrest authority and licensed to carry a 9mm Glock sidearm and MP5 submachine gun. He was an expert marksman ranked in the top five marksmen at KSC. His NASA awards include the prestigious Astronauts Silver Snoopy Award and Launch Honoree Award.

Mr. Stephenson was a consultant to the General Manager, Mercedes-Benz Automotive Test Track, Papenburg, Germany, to recommend countermeasures against industrial espionage in preparation for the Track's 1998 opening. He prepared a Track Security Plan and a Threat and Vulnerability Assessment for Track Management.

Mr. Stephenson is a past Chairman, Orlando Chapter American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) and wrote training scenarios for two ASIS Physical Security Workshops. He is a past President of a Florida Chapter, Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) and serves on the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Challenger District Committee. He has held various BSA leadership positions for over 35 years, receiving numerous leadership awards. Mr. Stephenson is also a nationally registered therapy dog handler.