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Matthew Berrett was appointed director of the Office of Iraq Analysis in January 2006, after serving as deputy director for almost two years. Berrett's duties have included accompanying the National Intelligence and CIA directors into cabinet meetings on Iraq. Other highlights of his twenty-one-year experience with the agency include serving as Vice President Dick Cheney's morning intelligence briefer; a two-year rotation as financial attaché with the U.S. Department of State in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and being selected as one of sixteen senior analysts and managers to teach a landmark CIA course on intelligence analysis. Berrett joined the CIA as an economic analyst on Iran and Iraq in 1985 after working at a U.S. bank. He received a BS in economics from the University of Utah.