

Former Top U.S. Officials Who Support Closing Guantanamo

✓ FIVE Secretaries of Defense

- Melvin Laird (1969-1973)¹
- Robert Gates (2006-2011)²
- Leon Panetta (2011-2013)³
- Chuck Hagel (2013-2015)⁴
- Ash Carter (2015-2017)⁵

✓ FIVE Chairs of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

- General Colin Powell (1989-1993)⁶
- General Hugh Shelton (1997-2001)⁷
- General Peter Pace (2005-2007)⁸
- Admiral Mike Mullen (2007-2011)⁹
- General Martin Dempsey (2011-2015)¹⁰

✓ EIGHT Secretaries of State

- Henry Kissinger (1973-1977)¹¹
- James A. Baker III (1989-1992)¹²
- Warren Christopher (1993-1997)¹³
- Madeleine Albright (1997-2001)¹⁴
- General Colin Powell (2001-2005)¹⁵
- Condoleezza Rice (2005-2009)¹⁶
- Hillary Clinton (2009-2013)¹⁷
- John Kerry (2013-2017)¹⁸

✓ FOUR CIA Directors

- Robert Gates (1991-1993)¹⁹
- Leon Panetta (2009-2011)²⁰
- General David Petraeus (2011-2012)²¹
- John Brennan (2013-2017)²²

✓ TWO Directors of National Intelligence

- Admiral Dennis Blair (2009-2010)²³
- Lt. General James Clapper (2010-2017)²⁴

✓ SIX National Security Advisors

- Henry Kissinger (1969-1975)²⁵
- Zbigniew Brzezinski (1977-1981)²⁶
- General Colin Powell (1987-1989)²⁷
- Condoleezza Rice (2001-2005)²⁸
- General James Jones (2009-2010)²⁹
- Susan Rice (2013-2017)³⁰

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