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Dennis is currently a writer of non-fiction. His first book was *The Chinese Information War, Espionage, Cyberwar, Communications Control and Related Threats to United States Interests*, (McFarland Publishing, Inc.) was published in March 2013. His next book will be *The New Cyberwar: Technology and the Redefinition of Warfare*.

Dennis began his career in the Air Force doing nuclear security at a time when computers were entering that field. In 1977, he became a computer staff specialist in Industrial Security and taught computer security at the Defense Security Institute. He was President of the National Computer Security Educators for two years and a faculty member of the Federal Examination Council of the Federal Reserve Board. He was assigned to the U.S. Senate as an advisor, and later worked at the U.S. House of Representatives as a Staff Assistant in computer security. He served two years in the Center for Information Security, a joint activity of the Defense Information Systems Agency and the National Security Agency.

For six years he was Director of Information Assurance, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization where he participated in a lengthy Information Warfare assessment and conducted a series of conferences and meetings on the potential impacts to missile defense systems. During that time, he was on teams doing joint national exercises for the National Command Authority. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Joint Chiefs of Staff led these teams.

After retirement, he worked for Electronic Data Systems as Director of Security Architecture. He was the EDS representative to the President's Critical Infrastructure Security Committee, headed by Richard A. Clarke. He later worked for BAE in international network security and Intelligence Systems Security.

He served five years in the FBI, including two in Counter-Terrorism Operations. He was a Director of National Intelligence staff member on the White House Critical National Cybersecurity Initiative number 7.

He has presented papers five times at the Canadian IT Security Symposium, Ottawa, and spoken over 300 times at industry and government functions in the United States.