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Chris Costa is the executive director of the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor for Georgetown University with the Security Studies Program –Walsh School of Foreign Studies. Costa is a leading voice on national security and counterterrorism issues and continues to play advisory roles in national security and intelligence issues.

In 2017, during the first year of the Trump administration Mr. Costa was appointed as the Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the White House. Costa's 35-year government career included 25-years in counterintelligence, human intelligence and with special operations forces (SOF) in the United States Army, in Central America, Europe, and throughout the Middle East. He ran a wide range of intelligence and sensitive operations in Panama, Bosnia, the first and second Iraq wars, and Afghanistan. Colonel Costa earned two bronze stars for sensitive human intelligence work in Afghanistan. Assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Development Group with Navy SEALs, he served as the first civilian squadron Deputy Director. In 2013, Costa was inducted into the United States Special Operation's Commando Hall of Honor for lifetime service to US Special Operations.