

Glenn L. Carle

Glenn L. Carle served 23 years in the Clandestine Services of the CIA. He retired as the Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, one the U.S. government's three most senior officers responsible for strategic terrorism analysis, where he wrote or led assessments of terrorist threats for the President and other senior civilian and military officials. He has lived and worked on four continents during his career, focusing at various times on terrorism cases, European political and economic security, and international trade issues.

Mr. Carle is the author of *The Interrogator,* a seminal memoir of his experience leading the interrogation of one of the top al-Qa'ida members captured by the CIA during the War on Terror. *The Interrogator* has been widely acclaimed by reviewers, and characterized by Charles McCarry, America's pre-eminent writer of sophisticated political and espionage fiction and a former CIA officer, as "perhaps the best non-fiction book about the CIA ever published." Another major reviewer has characterized Carle's *The Interrogator* as the finest book about American involvement in war since Joseph Heller's *Catch 22*, calling it what Carle himself set out to write: the definitive book about America's misadventure in the "War on Terror."

It was during Mr. Carle's involvement with the interrogation of the senior al-Qa'ida "officer" that he decided he had to oppose the "enhanced interrogation techniques"—which a layman would commonly characterize as torture—which constituted the interrogation methods used by U.S. officials. Mr. Carle realized that he was one of the few individuals with firsthand knowledge of the harm done to American institutions and values by the clandestine, un-American, practices used in interrogations of terrorist detainees. He saw that the practices had subverted America's institutions and laws, and he became convinced that the American public had to be informed of the harm these policies cause to our own safety and freedoms.

The book is so damaging to those who advocated and developed the policies of "enhanced interrogation techniques," and so powerfully demonstrates the practices' ineffectiveness and corruption, that Mr. Carle and the book have been the focus of sustained behind-the-scenes efforts to discredit him and the book by supporters of the political supporters of enhanced interrogation—lest the public realize how harmful the policies and men who advocated them have been to American society. Despite this campaign, multiple independent analyses of Carle's have substantiated every point Carle makes.

Mr. Carle holds degrees from Harvard University, in Government, and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, in European Studies and International Economics, a certificat on French Government and Civilization from the University of Grenoble, and has done additional graduate work at the Instit d'études politiques de Paris. He speaks French and Spanish fluently, and played intercollegiate hockey.