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Maher Bitar serves as Deputy Assistant to the President and Coordinator for Intelligence and Defense Policy at the National Security Council. In this capacity, he is the White House's senior-most official responsible for coordinating U.S. Government intelligence and defense policy.

Prior to assuming the role of Coordinator, Mr. Bitar served since January 20, 2021, as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Intelligence Programs.

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As a career Department of State official, Mr. Bitar served from 2013 to 2015 as the Director for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs on the National Security Council staff and, before that, as a diplomat focused on Middle East peace efforts.

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