# James P. Farwell, Elisabeth Braw, and Christopher Paul Biographies

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceMr.James P. Farwell is an expert in information warfare, influence operations, and cyber policy and strategy, with a geo-topical expertise in the Middle East, North Africa, and Pakistan. He has advised the U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Office of Undersecretary of Defense (Policy), Office of Undersecretary of Defense (Intelligence), and the U.S. Marine Corps on these topics. As a political consultant he was the executive director of John McCain's Ad Council for his 2008 race for President, former Speaker Newt Gingrich as Speaker and as a candidate for President in 2012. In 2016 he advised Governor John Kasich as a member of his national security team. He has advised heads of state in elections in South Korea, Greece, and Bermuda.

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