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Michele joined the CIA in January 2002 and along with her husband Joseph, spent 10 years working as an undercover, intelligence officer. Specializing in counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence, Michele worked in Iraq and other secret locations in the Middle East. To date, Michele has lived in 6 countries in the Near East and traveled to 50 others.

Michele is an author, public speaker, and security consultant. Her first book was released in 2018 and is called ***Breaking Cover.***

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