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As the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Laboratories and Basic Sciences and the Director for Basic Research, Dr. Berry is responsible for providing scientific leadership, management oversight, policy guidance and coordination of the \$1.4 billion yearly basic research programs of the Military Services and Defense Agencies. In this capacity, Dr. Berry has cognizance over the complete spectrum of basic research including biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, experimental psychology, electronics, engineering sciences, computer science and environmental sciences. In addition, he is responsible for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and workforce issues, policy for grants and policy for Defense Laboratories.

Dr. Berry began his association with the Department of Defense as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at the Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in 1976. At the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (1978-1997) he was responsible for a \$50M Air Force basic research program in chemistry and life sciences. From 1983-1988 he served on the Aerospace Medical Panel of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development. From 1997-2001, Dr. Berry served as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science Technology and Engineering and Director of the Washington Office of the Air Force Research Laboratory.

Dr. Berry's research publications are in the fields of environmental toxicology and neuroscience. He is the co-editor of four scientific books and monographs. Dr. Berry earned a BS in Biology from Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA, a MAT in Zoology from Miami University, Oxford, OH, and a Ph.D. in Zoology/Biochemistry from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.