

# A Brief Summary of the FBI's Counterintelligence Program



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## Framework: United States Intelligence Community



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## What is Counterintelligence?

- Counterintelligence -- more than simply the catching of spies (counterespionage)
  - Understanding and countering all aspects of the intelligence operations of foreign nations
- Executive Order 12333 (as amended on 30 July 2008):  
"counterintelligence means information gathered and activities conducted to identify, deceive, exploit, disrupt, or protect against espionage, other intelligence activities, sabotage, or assassinations conducted for or on behalf of foreign powers, organizations, or persons, or their agents, or international terrorist organizations or activities"



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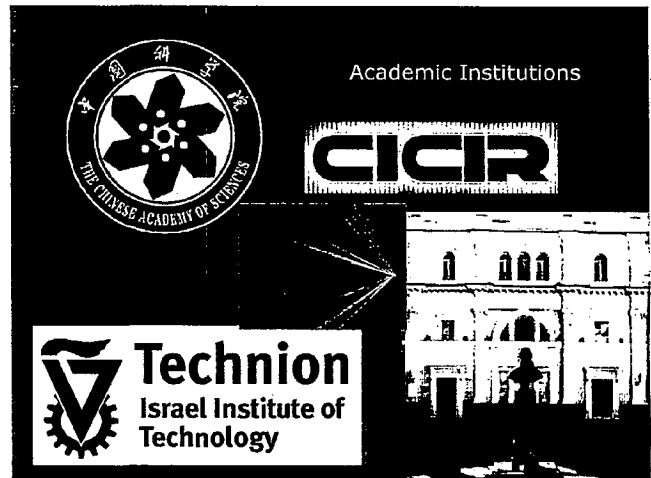


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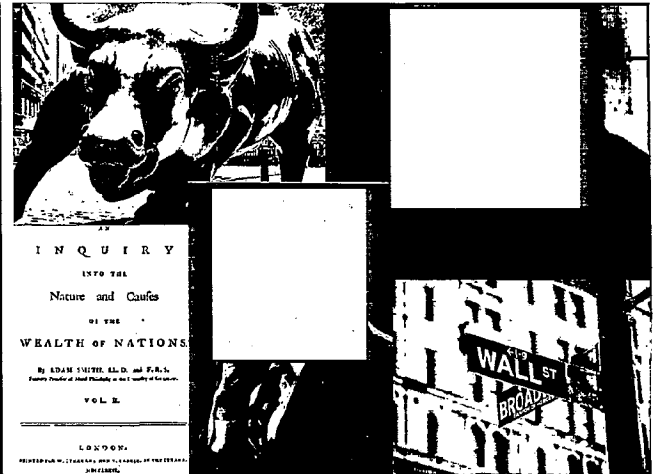
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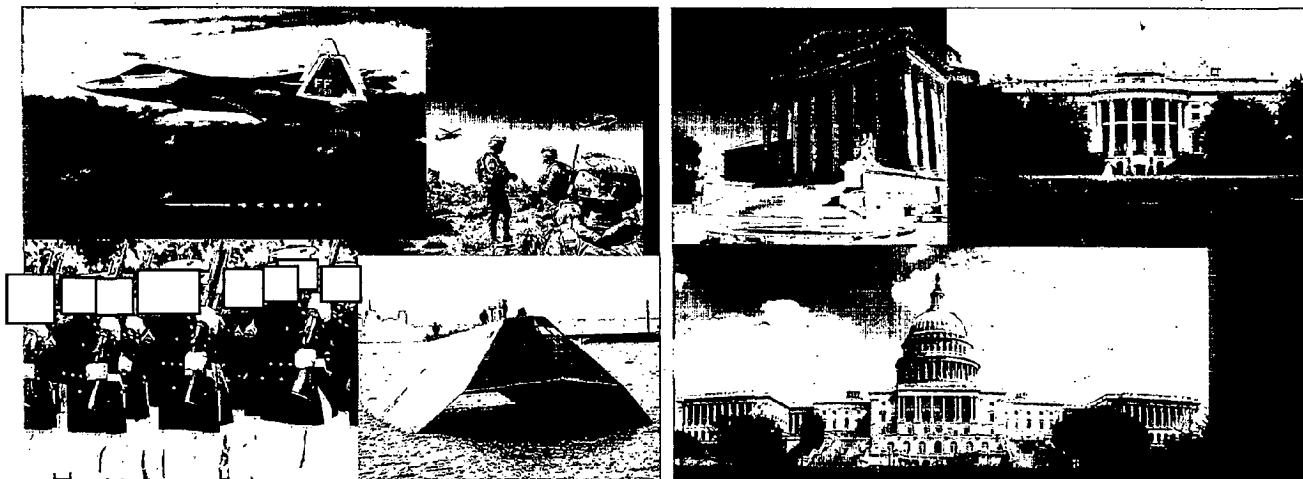




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### What is the FBI's legal authority to conduct counterintelligence investigations and operations?

- **FBI Jurisdiction**

- Investigation of all federal crimes not assigned exclusively to another federal agency (28 U.S.C. Section 533) and to investigate threats to the national security (EO 12333; 50 U.S.C. Section 401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. Section 1801 *et seq.*).
- Other laws give the FBI responsibility to investigate specific crimes.


- Together, this combination provides the FBI a unique ability to address national security and criminal threats that are increasingly intertwined, and to shift between the use of intelligence tools such as surveillance or recruiting sources, and law enforcement tools of arrest and prosecution. Regardless of which tools are employed, law and policy require that the FBI's information gathering activities use the least intrusive techniques possible to accomplish the objective.

### What is the FBI's Counterintelligence Mission?


- **Identify** the objectives, the assets, and the operations of foreign intelligence services operating in the United States;
- **Disrupt** the operations of those foreign intelligence services; and
- **Change** the behavior of targeted institutions and individuals to minimize opportunities for their exploitation

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### Counterintelligence Strategic Plan



Prevent or neutralize the foreign acquisition of WMD technology or equipment which, if acquired, would constitute immediate danger to the United States



### Counterintelligence Strategic Plan



Prevent the penetration of the U.S. Intelligence Community

### Counterintelligence Strategic Plan

Prevent the penetration of  
U.S. Government entities and  
contractors





## Counterintelligence Strategic Plan

Conduct counterintelligence operations focusing on countries that constitute the most significant threat to U.S. strategic objectives



## Counterintelligence Strategic Plan

Collect, produce, and disseminate domestic foreign intelligence and counterintelligence



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