



EXECUTIVE ORDER 12333

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EO 12333 REVISION: OVERVIEW

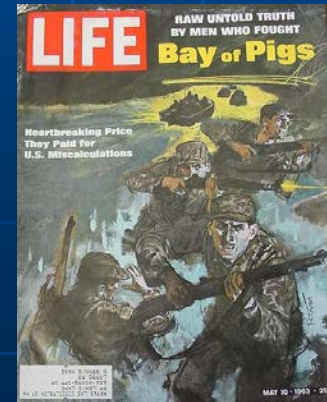
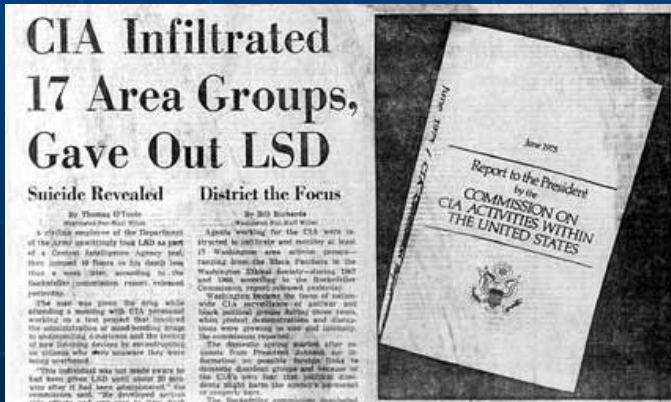
- **Background**
- **Role of DNI**
- **Role of other agencies**
 - **FBI, CIA, NSA**
- **Activities Inside the United States and Oversight**



PART I: BACKGROUND . . .

1945-1976

- CIA was the dominant player in the Intelligence Community
- Authority to conduct intelligence activities and operations primarily from the National Security Act and from NSC directives, in response to developments in the Cold War
- Oversight was informal: NSC played some role, and the DCI briefed the president orally to obtain approvals for covert actions and other sensitive operations
- Congressional oversight colloquially described as BOGSAT—“bunch of guys sitting around a table”



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PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS: PRESIDENT FORD

EO 11905 (1976): UNITED STATES FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

EO 11905 was promulgated in the wake of the CIA and FBI scandals of the 1960s and 1970s, as numerous Congressional committees criticized intelligence agencies. The executive order:

- Established policies to improve the quality of intelligence provided by the intelligence community
- Set out the responsibilities of Intelligence Community members
- Established comprehensive Executive Branch oversight mechanisms for the first time.



“Information about the capabilities, intentions and activities of other governments is essential to informed decision-making in the field of national defense and foreign relations. The measures employed to acquire such information should be responsive to the legitimate needs of our Government and must be conducted in a manner which preserves and respects our established concepts of privacy and our civil liberties. Recent events have clearly indicated the desirability of government-wide direction which will ensure a proper balancing of these interests.” (Section 5)

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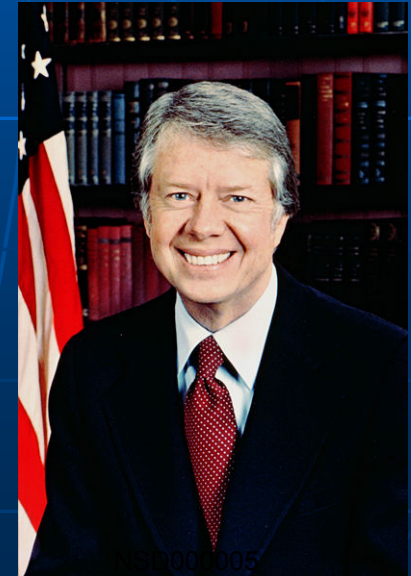
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PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS: PRESIDENT CARTER

EO 12036 (1978): UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

- Established a panoply of intelligence coordinating and oversight committees within the executive branch
- Described respective responsibilities of IC members in further detail
- Elaborated upon limitations on the IC
- Set out very specific commitments for the President and IC members to ensure compliance with Congressional oversight, going beyond existing statutory requirements





EO 12333 (1981) UNDER REAGAN



WHAT IT DID:

- Described, in further detail, the respective powers and responsibilities of various intelligence community members
- Clarified coordination functions relating to the intelligence community as a whole
- Clarified what kind of information could be gathered by IC members, and more clearly described what kinds of techniques could and could not be used to collect this information.
- Mandated that IC members would comply with various statutory requirements pertaining to intelligence oversight, but provided the IC with more flexibility by eliminating the more detailed commitments in EO 12036.

“Timely and accurate information about the activities, capabilities, plans, and intentions of foreign powers, organizations, and persons, and their agents, is essential to the national security of the United States. All reasonable and lawful means must be used to ensure that the United States will receive the best intelligence available.”

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INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

“The current position of Director of Central Intelligence should be replaced by a National Intelligence Director with two main areas of responsibility: (1) to oversee national intelligence centers on specific subjects of interest across the U.S. government and (2) to manage the national intelligence program and oversee the agencies that contribute to it.”

9/11 Commission Report at 411

- **Implemented recommendations of the 9/11 Commission**
- **Belief that Director of Central Intelligence did not have sufficient authority over disparate elements of Intelligence Community**
- **Belief that too much information “stovepiped” by agencies**



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RECENT REVISIONS TO EO 12333, JULY 2008



From the Background Briefing by Senior Administration Officials, July 31:

“ [T]his is the first significant adjustment in the executive order in several decades. With the passage by the Congress and signature by the President in the fall of 2004, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorist Prevention Act -- significant provisions in this executive order became out of date. And so... it was absolutely necessary to revise and update -- modernize this order.

...[I]t is a foundational document. It has a daily and significant impact on the activities of the intelligence community and the relationships in that important community. At the highest level, of course, the aim here is to create a more effective intelligence community, where these 16 agencies can be better integrated, work more collaboratively with one another, and also share more information freely.”



“ The revised Executive Order implements the reforms enacted into law by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and creates a more unified, integrated, and collaborative Intelligence Community under the leadership of the Director of National Intelligence.”

Statement by the White House Press Secretary, July 31

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EO 12333 REVISION: WHY NOW?

- **Align with 2004 Intelligence Reform legislation and implement additional recommendations of the 9/11 and WMD Commissions**
- **Clarify and strengthen the role of the DNI**
- **Use experience implementing reform**
 - **Unique IC experience of current agency and department heads**
- **Establish durable framework for intelligence activities**
- **Maintain or strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections**



EO 12333 IN THE NEWS

The Washington Post

Controversy with Congress

"Although the revamped order had been in the works for a year, its formal unveiling prompted a rare revolt from congressional Republicans, some of whom walked out on Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell during a morning briefing. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (Mich.), ranking Republican on the House intelligence committee, led several GOP colleagues to the exit after complaining that the administration had made the changes secretly without consulting with congressional overseers..."

Joby Warrick, "Bush Unveils Spy Guidelines, Angering House Overseers," Aug. 1, 2008



The New York Times

"President Bush has approved a long-awaited revision of the executive order that governs the nation's 16 spy agencies, the latest effort to wrestle the competing bureaucracies into a single effort under the director of national intelligence."

Scott Shane, "Bush Issues Order Seeking to Unite the Efforts of U.S. Spy Agencies," Aug. 1, 2008

Los Angeles Times

Two senior administration officials called the revisions "the most significant of its kind in more than a generation," representing the first revamp of EO 12333 since President Reagan issued it in 1981.

"Revamp of U.S. spy agencies centralizes power" Aug. 1, 2008

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PART II: THE ROLE OF THE DNI



- **Head of the IC**
- **Is the principal adviser to the President, NSC, and Homeland Security Council on intelligence matters**
- **Oversees the National Intelligence Program**



THE ROLE OF THE DNI . . .

IRTPA Section 1018

- **Community implements DNI directives**
- **Procedures for Department heads to raise concerns if they see abrogation**

Coordination of IC Intelligence Activities

- **DNI issues overarching policies and procedures to ensure coordination of intelligence activities**
 - **Establish coordination thresholds; define types of activities to be coordinated; etc.**



ACCESS TO INFORMATION

“National Intelligence and Intelligence Related to National Security means all intelligence, regardless of the source from which derived and including information gathered within or outside the United States, that pertains . . . to more than one . . . agency; and that involves threats to the United States, its people, property, or interests; the development, proliferation, or use of weapons of mass destruction; or any other matter bearing on United States national or homeland security.”

Section 3.5(i); IRPTA Section 1012

- **All agencies have responsibility to produce intelligence in a manner that allows the full and free exchange of information**
- **Definition of “national intelligence” in IRTPA**
- **DNI to determine if information “pertains to more than one agency” in accordance w/ definition**
- **DNI will develop AG-approved guidelines for access to information held in other US Government agencies**

Sections 1.1(g); 1.3(e)
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FUNCTIONAL AND MISSION MANAGERS

- **Functional managers**
 - **Director of NSA—signals intelligence**
 - **Director of CIA—human intelligence**
 - **Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency—geospatial intelligence**
- **Mission managers—principal advisors on regions, topics**
- **DNI may designate**

Section 1.3(b)(12)



EO 12333 REVISION: HIRING AND FIRING

- DNI must concur in selection of:

- Executive Assistant Director for National Security Branch of FBI
- Director of NSA
- Other intelligence officials

- DNI must be consulted in selection of:

- DoD intelligence positions, including military positions
- Assistant Attorney General for National Security

Section 1.3(e)

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PART III: ROLES OF THE AGENCIES . . . FBI



- Collect, analyze, produce, and disseminate foreign intelligence and counterintelligence, Section 1.7(g)(1)
- Conduct counterintelligence activities (inside and outside the U.S.), Section 1.7(g)(2) Conduct foreign intelligence liaison relationships with intelligence, security, and law enforcement services of foreign governments or international organizations, Section 1.7(g)(3)
- Provide technical assistance, whether within or outside the U.S., to foreign intelligence and law enforcement services, Section 1.13



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CIA AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES



- Collect, analyze, produce, and disseminate foreign intelligence and counterintelligence
- Conduct counterintelligence activities outside the U.S.
- Conduct covert action activities approved by the President
- Conduct foreign intelligence liaison relationships with intelligence or security services of foreign governments or international organizations

Section 1.7(a)



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OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: COORDINATION

Outside the US—

- **Director of the CIA coordinates clandestine collection of foreign intelligence through “human sources or through human-enabled means”**
- **CIA also coordinates counterintelligence activities**
- **All agencies inform the Secretary of Defense of clandestine collection of foreign intelligence in combat area**

Sections 1.3(b)(20) and 1.5(j)



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NSA AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES



COORDINATION TASKS AND EXCLUSIVE FUNCTIONS

- NSA has sole authority to engage in signals intelligence activities unless the Secretary of Defense specifies otherwise
- Collect, process, analyze, produce, and disseminate SIGINT for foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes, and control SIGINT collection and processing activities
- Create and operate a unified organization for all SIGINT activities
- Conduct foreign cryptologic liaison relationships



Section 1.7

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EO 12333 REVISION: OTHER SECTORS

ORIGINAL EO 12333 (1981)

- Little consideration of the national intelligence effort at a non-federal level
- IC allowed to provide specialized equipment, technical knowledge, or assistance of expert personnel to local law enforcement agencies where lives endangered



REVISED EO 12333 (2008)

- State, local, and tribal governments are “critical partners”
- IC should take their requirements and responsibilities into account
- IC also may consider requirements and responsibilities of private sector entities

Sections 1.1(f);1.4(g); 2.6



EO 12333 REVISION: AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE IC

- ***All* agencies must provide the DNI with access to all information and intelligence relevant to national security**
- **DNI may provide advisory tasking to agencies outside the Intelligence Community**
 - **Agencies must respond “to the greatest extent possible”**
 - **AG approves implementing procedures**

Sections 1.3(b)(18); 1.5(e)

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PART IV: ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSIGHT

Inside the US—

- **Director of FBI coordinates clandestine collection of foreign intelligence through “human sources or through human-enabled means”**
- **FBI also coordinates counterintelligence activities**
- **All agencies inform the AG and DNI of intelligence activities not coordinated with the FBI**
- **AG approves all procedures for coordination**



INSIDE THE UNITED STATES . . .

- **FBI collects foreign intelligence not otherwise obtainable**
- **Other agencies may collect if:**
 - **Significant foreign intelligence is sought**
 - **Not for purpose of acquiring information about the domestic activities of US persons**
- **FBI normally conducts physical searches and physical surveillances of US persons**
- **CIA may not conduct electronic surveillance**

Sections 2.3(b); 2.4

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INSIDE THE US: UNDISCLOSED PARTICIPATION

- **No one acting on behalf of IC may participate in organization in the United States unless:**
 - **Intelligence affiliation disclosed, or**
 - **Use procedures approved by AG**
- **Participation must be essential to achieving lawful purposes**
- **If purpose is influencing the organization or its members:**
 - **FBI may participate in course of lawful investigation, or**
 - **Other agency may participate if organization is composed primarily of non-US persons and acting on behalf of foreign power**

Section 2.9

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OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS: SECTION 2.3

This section governs the type of information that can be collected by the IC and the procedures for doing so.

For U.S. persons IC may collect, retain, and disseminate information that is:

- Publicly available information, or information obtained with the consent of the person concerned
- Foreign intelligence or counterintelligence information
- Information obtained during a lawful foreign intelligence, counterintelligence, international drug, or international terrorism investigation
- Information needed to protect the safety of any persons or organizations
- Information needed to protect foreign intelligence or counterintelligence sources, methods, and activities from unauthorized disclosure
- Information concerning persons reasonably believed to be potential sources or contacts
- Information arising from lawful security investigations
- Information acquired from overhead reconnaissance not directed at particular U.S. persons
- Incidentally obtained information suggesting involvement in illegal activities
- Information necessary for administrative purposes

However, collection, retention, and dissemination of such information is **only** permitted in accordance with procedures developed by the responsible IC member and approved by the Attorney General.



SECTION 2.3 . . .

- **Allows collection of information needed to protect safety, including targets, victims, or hostages of international terrorist organizations**
- **Changes:**
 - **DNI now has role in procedures**
 - **Information obtained from SIGINT may be disseminated to other agencies, subject to procedures**



OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS: SECTION 2.5

“The Attorney General hereby is delegated the power to approve the use for intelligence purposes, within the United States or against a United States person abroad, of any technique for which a warrant would be required if undertaken for law enforcement purposes, provided that such techniques shall not be undertaken unless the Attorney General has determined that there is probable cause to believe that the technique is directed against a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power...”

Allows the Attorney General to authorize the use of a surveillance or search technique if:

- The technique is being used for intelligence purposes;
- It is being used within the U.S. or against a U.S. person abroad;
- The technique is one that would require a warrant if it were being used for law enforcement purposes; and
- The AG has found that there is probable cause to believe the technique is directed against a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power
- These requirements are *in addition to* the requirements of FISA and the FISA Amendments Act



EO 12333 REVISION: REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT

IC agency heads must:

- Give officials responsible for privacy or civil liberties protection access to “any information or intelligence necessary to perform their official duties”
- Report violations of criminal law to the AG
- Report any intelligence activities that may have been unlawful to the Intelligence Oversight Board and DNI

Sections 1.3(e); 1.6(b)(c) and (h)



PRIOR LIMITATIONS ON THE IC REMAIN IN PLACE

- **Generally, only CIA can conduct covert action (Section 1.7(a)(4)), and EO 12333 prohibits covert actions designed to have a domestic effect (Section 2.13)**
- **The prohibition on human experimentation remains (Section 2.10)**
- **The prohibition on assassination remains (Section 2.11)**
- **Members of the IC cannot use intermediaries to circumvent the prohibitions in EO 12333 (Section 2.12)**



EO 12333 REVISION: GUIDELINES

- **Information sharing**
- **Criminal drug intelligence activities outside the United States**
- **Advisory tasking of agencies outside the Intelligence Community**
- **AG must approve all policies and procedures for coordination of counterintelligence activities and clandestine collection of foreign intelligence inside the United States**

Sections 1.3(a)(2); 1.3(b)(5); 1.3(b)(20)(C); 1.6(g)

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS?

- Issuance of multiple guidelines
- Use of DNI authority to task non-IC members, pursuant to Section 1.3(b)(18)
- Intelligence Community still not well coordinated or too centralized?