

Week 5: Humint and Counterintelligence

A. History of Humint during Cold War

-CIA plays lead role in foreign Humint collection, and has since 1947. Services do some collection, but focus on military threats. Use of attaches. State had limited role via embassies. FBI does domestic Humint on spies, terrorists and criminals.

-Soviets and Chinese were major Cold War targets, but competition in Third World led to global collection effort.

-Until 911, terrorists weren't clear top priority, and remain difficult target. New FBI role.

- Competition from DOD post Desert Storm. Hidden Humint budget? DCI downgraded. Should DNI take over?

B. Role of CIA

-CIA has four Directorates: 1. DI 2. DO 3. DS&T 4. DS. Each has separate culture.

-DO has always been primary. Extensive overseas presence, foreign contacts, embassy location. DS&T and DS support DO. Use of official and non-official cover (NOCs).

-DO has suffered four major setbacks: 1. Vietnam 2. Iran-Contra 3. 1995 scrub 4. Ames
All led to major force reductions, morale problems.

-Post 911 call for rebuilding, but problems persist under Goss. More focus on NOCs. Hard targets. Out of Embassies. Costs not only money, but family. High divorce rate.

C. How DO Functions.

-DO has very "In" culture. Esprit and team spirit. Much stress, most ops illegal. Constant surveillance.. Protect and manipulate sources. Cold War games. Still very secretive.

-Traditional male culture. Male case officers. Women reports officers. (operations and collection management). Much focus on spy wars (CI). Meet and communicate with sources. Surveillance and "bugs" Secure comms and websites. Read Melissa Mahle.

-Recruiting and managing sources. Problems of motivation, reliability of sources. Double agents and poly. (Cubans and East Germans. Special problem of walk-ins. James Jesus Angleton. CI.

-Formation of Centers led to DI-DO mixing. CTC, CIC, CNC, WINPAC But will this last?

DO becoming more separate again, trend may continue. Need for separate career service for centers?

D Problems with Humint

-Humint can provide vital information, but is it reliable?

-Problem of legality. Aversion to dirty sources, bribes, manipulation, etc.

-Problem of liaison sources. Call for unilateral ops. Close ties with Brits etc.

-Problem of timeliness. Getting assets slow and risky. Illegals and sleepers.

-Problems of exposure. Keep sources and friendly countries covert. No trials. Sources double edged sword. Political fallout.

-Problem of foreign and domestic Humint. CIA-FBI compete or cooperate? Data base problem. New FBI National Security Service. For collection and analysis on terrorism.

E. Counterintelligence

-Definition: Activities conducted to protect against foreign espionage, sabotage, and terrorist acts.

-Defensive role. Good security. Buildings and safe houses. Guards and badges. Classified reports. Cleared personnel. (background and poly-lifestyle and CI). Secure comms and websites. Secure operations and need to know.

-Offensive role. Penetrate enemy. Learn what he knows. Catch spies and double agents. Disrupt hostile services. Plant false information.

-Special ops. Place bugs, wiretaps, surveillance cameras, computer hacking.

F. CIA-FBI dual roles.

-Historical animosity-rivalry. Hoover wanted all CI.

-Foreign and domestic CI. Handoffs etc.

-“The wall”. Domestic and Foreign Humint. Intelligence vs law enforcement. FBI never very good on intel. Case files. Noreiga.

-CI in CIA declined after Angleton. Case officers did CI.

-Blowback after Ames. But then Hansen

-DOD does own CI, but not trusted by CIA.

G. Problems with CI

-Hard to detect traitors. Part of team. Trust factor.

-Controversy over walk-ins. Double agents.

-Security can be paranoid. Hard to counter paranoia.

-Prosecution problem. Ames case. Exposure of secrets.

-Privacy vs security. Patriot Act. Spying on ourselves. No Gestapo.

H. Review of Major National Collectors vs Departmental Collectors

-NGA (Foreign IMINT)

-NSA (Foreign SIGINT)

-CIA/DO (Foreign HUMINT)

-DOD/AF (Foreign MASINT)

-FBI (Domestic HUMINT etc.)

-Departmental: State-Humint; DIA/DOD-Humint; CIA-Techint; FBI-Techint etc.