

information might not have the same value as original text. NSA officials also cited concerns about protecting sources and methods that produced the data and the difficulties in separating content from information about them.

b. The Central Intelligence Agency

CIA personnel also make decisions about sharing information, particularly with regard to [—————] cables that contain vital information about CIA activities.

[NSA has told the Joint Inquiry that regular access to [—————] cables would enhance its understanding of material it intercepts and increase the productivity of its analytic workforce. The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency expressed particular concern about cables relating to the Malaysia meeting. Joint Inquiry staff identified numerous CIA [—] cables concerning that meeting that contained information of value to all-source analysts. In response to a Joint Inquiry request, DIA identified four leads its terrorism analysts could have pursued in early 2000 and one in December 2000, had information been shared. DIA also identified three leads in [CIA] cables in August 2001 that would have allowed it to take action concerning the Malaysian meeting, Zacarias Moussaoui, Khalid al-Mihdhar, and Nawaf al-Hazmi].

[CIA is concerned that access to cables would place its sources and methods at risk because cables contain information about activities, including meetings with human assets. Most analytic personnel recognize this concern and profess not to want operational details or information about sources and methods. These analysts see information of potential significance, embedded in the raw data. The CIA, they believe, filters out many intelligence “nuggets” before analysts receive the information. The agency has itself recognized the value of this data by integrating its counterterrorism analysts into the CTC where they are supposed to have full access to raw traffic].

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c. The Federal Bureau Of Investigation

The FBI collects vast amounts of information from both criminal and intelligence investigations, including interviews, wiretaps, physical searches, grand jury material, and