

F. Technical Collection at CIA

Most of the technical collection operations at the CIA have a human access element, and the primary offices with responsibility are in the Directorate of Operations. The Counterterrorist Center has a Technical Operations Branch that is responsible for orchestrating special technical collection operations for terrorist targets. Some of these operations are conducted in concert with NSA, [_____
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_____]]. [Despite this [_____] effort, a senior CIA official testified that in hindsight he would have liked to have had more [_____
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G. NSA/CIA Disputes Over [_____] Collection

[NSA and CIA failed to agree on an approach to collect [_____]], and both agencies independently developed a capability [_____]]. After considerable discussion with NSA and CIA personnel, the Joint Inquiry [page 404] determined that CIA wished to have [_____] as soon as possible [_____]], and NSA said it could not deliver in the requested timeframe. Accordingly, CIA developed its own capability while NSA continued with its program, which ultimately was delivered some 15 months early. In the end, peace was made and over time, NSA and CIA began to benefit from each other's capabilities].

Especially during periods of budgetary shortfalls, the competitive example just cited appears particularly wasteful. To avoid similar disputes, NSA and CIA have created the Senior Partnership Advisory Group (SPAG).