

H. Technical Collection at FBI

The FBI performs considerable technical collection within the United States to support its own intelligence and criminal investigations. It also supports the collection efforts of Intelligence Community agencies, [_____
_____]]. These activities are conducted pursuant to the authority of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. [_____

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FBI was conducting relatively few technical collection operations against al-Qa'ida before September 11. The intelligence produced was of relatively limited value because the targets did not appear to be involved in significant activity.

FBI officials indicated that after September 11 a joint program had begun with NSA [_____
_____]. FBI is responsible for collecting the information. NSA receives the information and is responsible for reporting to the Intelligence Community and [page 405] intelligence customers. [_____]. FBI personnel maintain that collaboration [_____
_____] can still be improved.

XIII. HUMINT Collection

Three agencies in the Intelligence Community have primary responsibility for HUMINT (intelligence from human sources) collection: the CIA, the FBI, and the DIA. Before September 11, none of these agencies had collected any information through HUMINT sources warning of the September 11 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.