

after the World Trade Center attacks yielded their address in San Diego “within hours.”¹⁰² The tragedy of this is that it was so needless: the law actually *did* not bar all cooperation across the “Wall” between law enforcement and intelligence. It was simply *assumed* to do so because years of timorous lawyering in the Justice Department and Intelligence Community reticence had created an institutional culture hostile to coordination. As FBI official Michael Rolince put it, procedures for information-sharing became so baroque and restrictive that sharing was essentially prohibited: “In terrorism cases, this became so complex and convoluted that in some FBI field offices agents perceived ‘walls’ where none actually existed.”¹⁰³

¹⁰² FBI Agent from New York Field Office, testimony before joint SSCI/HPSCI hearing (September 20, 2002), *available from* Federal News Service.

¹⁰³ Michael Rolince, written statement presented to joint SSCI/HPSCI hearing (September 20, 2002), at 4.