Insider’s Guide to the Counterintelligence Community

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Presenter’s Background

- Retired USAF Colonel & OSI Special Agent
- 25+ year career in LE, CI/CT ops
- 13 PCS moves/~12 deployments
- Far East Asia Area Specialist
- Commanded 5 units, incl wing
- Senior Military Advisor to Henley-Putnam University
What is Counterintelligence?

- EO 12333 defines it:
  “Counterintelligence means information gathered and activities conducted to protect against espionage, other intelligence activities, sabotage, or assassinations conducted for or on behalf of foreign powers, organizations or persons, or international terrorist activities, but not including personnel, physical, document or communications security programs.”
What is Counterintelligence?

Counterintelligence is the business of countering human threat: Intelligence and Terrorism

Foreign Intelligence Services (FIS)  International Terrorism

Cold War Era  Today
What is Counterintelligence?

Law Enforcement
- Espionage
- Sabotage
- Assassination
- Terrorism . . .
- Crimes

Intelligence
- Information gathered (collection, analysis, production)
- Activities conducted (defensive and offensive)

CI

Law Enforcement

Intelligence
Facets of Counterintelligence

- Information Gathered
  - Requirements
    - Standing or special
  - Collection
    - Tactical, raw, time-sensitive
  - Processing/exploitation
  - Analysis
    - Tactical (less so)
    - Mid-tier assessments (more common)
    - National
    - Gaps drive requirements
  - Dissemination/Production
    - Mid-term (less finished)
    - Strategic (finished, community approved)
    - NIEs, Country Profiles, Specific Focus Studies
Facets of Counterintelligence

• Activities Conducted
• Defensive
  – Threat Assessments (fed by the collection cycle)
  – Protective Service Operations
  – Surveillance Detection
  – Security/Vulnerability Awareness Education
  – Critical Infrastructure Protection
  – Cyber CI
Facets of Counterintelligence

• Activities Conducted
• Offensive (Note: based on open source information)
  – Countersurveillance
  – Double Agentry
    • Assets pose as spies, fool FIS
    • Gain valuable insight into FIS tradecraft and CRs
    • Keeps FIS busy “working” fake spy
  – Recruitment in Place
    • Conduit into FIS
    • Opportunity to discover real spies
Major Agencies

• Central Intelligence Agency (Overseas)*
• Federal Bureau of Investigation (US)*
• Department of Defense
  – DIA, NSA, Service CI Components (NCIS, AFOSI, Army MI)
• Department of Homeland Security
• Department of Energy
• Department of State

* CIA and FBI have primary CI jurisdiction, all others must coordinate with them
EO 12333 as Amended

- Original EO signed in 1981 by President Reagan
- Amended Post-9/11 three times:
  - EO 13284 (2003)
  - EO 13355 (2004)
  - EO 13479 (2008)
- Amendments mostly structural, to keep in step with changes to IC following attack
Limitations on Counterintelligence

• EO 12333 restricted IC activities:
  – Assassination prohibition
  – Human experimentation prohibition
  – Undisclosed participation in US organizations

• Collection limits...least intrusive means

• All designed to protect US Persons
  – Significant oversight by government
Wrapping It Up

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Our Strength Remains...