

7 April 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John A. Bross

SUBJECT: CIA Relationship with FBI re Counterintelligence Responsibilities

1. [redacted] tell me (in the most urgent possible tones) that the FBI continues to worry about the danger of DCI/CIA usurpation of FBI internal security responsibilities. This implausible nightmare of theirs appears to arise from the continuing problem of who should chair the CI subcommittee of the SIG(I).

STAT

2. I told them that:

a. You would chair the SIG(I).

b. You were not about to relinquish your authority over any aspect of foreign intelligence including CI.

c. You had no intention whatsoever of encroaching on Judge Webster's authority over internal CI and security matters.

3. I said that as far as chairmanship of the subcommittee on CI was concerned that I understood that you were prepared for some kind of joint chairmanship arrangement with Judge Webster. [redacted] both feel that it would be helpful if you were able to advise Judge Webster before your departure on Friday that the chairmanship of this subcommittee is not all that difficult a problem and should be arranged to reflect the joint nature of our relationship with the Bureau and the division of responsibility between foreign and domestic CI activity.

STAT

4. As regards the problem of so-called multi-disciplinary CI, I had lunch with Ken deGraffenreid today. I told him, what I believe to be the truth, that nobody objects to a staff functioning somewhere (under the DCI Intelligence Community Staff or at the NSC level) which reviews the overall threat to American intelligence functions and sees that information relevant to this threat is adequately disseminated. Such a staff, however, would have no operational responsibilities and would not become involved in the spy-catching business.

STAT

[redacted]  
John A. Bross

cc: C/CI Staff  
C/SE Division  
A/SA/DCI/CI