

CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT
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BACKGROUND

The Church Committee had a broad mandate to investigate various aspects of the intelligence community; consequently, much of the material in the report is of an historical nature, or describes specific abuses of power by the community. These sections are not relevant to the Review Board's purposes. Only the specific sections that would be of use to us are summarized in this report. Sections 5-13 of Volume I deal with the CIA. Section 15 deals with the Defense intelligence community.

SUMMARY

The sections of the Church Committee report dealing with the CIA range from a history of the Agency, explanation of how and why it was established, abuses of power by the Agency over the course of its lifetime, including unconstitutional violations of individual rights within the United States, and the problem of the lack of oversight of the Agency. The CIA sections conclude with recommendations on how to make the Agency more accountable to both the executive and Legislative branches and how to enforce policies that adhere to the Constitution within the CIA. Specific discussions about the organizational structure and responsibilities of separate branches of the CIA are discussed elsewhere in the Church Report.

The section of the Committee report dealing with the Department of Defense intelligence community outlines the organizational structures of several branches, including the DIA and the organizations of the armed services. The objectives of Defense intelligence are covered, a short history of the evolution of the community is presented, and a list is presented of the intelligence organizations which report to the Secretary of Defense. The organizational structure of DIA is presented, along with the responsibilities of each directorate within DIA. Problems in the use and integration of DIA are discussed. The Naval Investigative Service (NIS), Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), and United States Army Intelligence Agency (USAINTA) are briefly profiled. [Photocopies of the relevant pages are attached.]

CONCLUSION

This volume of the Church Committee report is helpful for Review Board staff to acquaint themselves with the basic components of the intelligence community and the histories of each of these components. The theoretical responsibilities of each component are outlined as well.

This volume is suitable for background information but provides little in the way of suggestions for future searches.