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'Black-bag Jobs' Among Spy Terms Defined in Report

WASHINGTON, April 26 (Reuters) — The final report of the Senate Intelligence Committee released today includes a glossary of intelligence terms that gives a glimpse into the world of "black-bag jobs" and "sheep-dipping."

The glossary defines a black-bag job as a "warrantless surreptitious entry," especially for the purpose of removing or photographing documents.

"Sheep-dipping" is defined as the planting of an agent in a civilian group or organization to collect information on that or on similar groups.

Among the other definitions are these:

Sterilize—To remove identification marks from material to be used in clandestine operations.

Bigot list — A restricted list of persons having access to highly sensitive information.

Cut-out—A person used to conceal contact between members of different clandestine operations.

Executive action — a euphemism for assassination, especially as used by the Central Intelligence Agency to describe programs aimed at overthrowing foreign leaders.

Notionals — nonexistent companies that provide fictional documents and background for an agent or operation.

Proprietaries — Ostensibly private companies that are in reality controlled by intelligence services.

Sanitize — To delete or revise a report or document so as to prevent identification of the intelligence sources and methods that provided the information.

Watch list—A list of words recognized by a computer to select required information from raw, unsorted data.
