

The CIA and FBI as Threats to the Country

If we do not master the CIA, we shall no longer have any respect abroad. And if we don't bring the FBI to heel, we won't have any respect for ourselves at home.

It is intolerable that we should nurture agencies effectively answerable to no one—secret organizations whose moral code resembles that of the original Murder, Inc.

What sort of a country is America, what kind of people are we, to let a lot of faceless ideologues befoul our national honor?

The CIA abroad and the FBI at home are an affront to the heritage we expect to celebrate in 1976. They have disgraced the flag. They have incidentally distorted and vitiated the legitimate functions of investigation and disclosure that we entrusted to them.

The CIA has given every one of our detractors abroad an irrefutable opportunity to blame our country for any outrage occurring anywhere in the world. The CIA should be recognized as America's rival to the Irish IRA and the Arab terrorist guerrillas—except that the CIA hasn't the guts or the gutsiness to

claim credit for its dirty deeds.

But the deeds of the CIA abroad—real, imagined, or imputed—are the deeds of the United States of America. And as long as the CIA may engage in covert "dirty tricks" abroad, we are not in control of our own affairs in this dangerous world. In its present form and function, the CIA is a deadly threat to the honor, authority, and security of our country.

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