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DoD IG Concludes Review in Response to the Report of the Congressional Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After 9/11

The Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense has concluded its review in response to the Report of the Joint Inquiry of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, results of which are contained in a classified report.

The Joint Inquiry recommended that the Inspectors General of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Departments of Defense, Justice, and State review the factual findings and record of the Joint Inquiry to determine whether personnel should be held accountable for any omission, commission, or failure to meet professional standards for the identification, prevention, or disruption of terrorist attacks, including those of September 11, 2001.

The review focused on the National Security Agency, the only DoD agency cited by the Joint Inquiry in its factual findings. The review concluded that there was no evidence of omission, commission, or failure by National Security Agency personnel to meet professional standards, but the overall effectiveness of the National Security Agency counterterrorism mission was limited because it was inadequately resourced.

The review made no recommendations on the assignment of resources because the National Security Agency received substantial resources for counterterrorism in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

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