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fundamental challenge faced by democratic nations: keeping their secret agencies accountable to the law and ethical values. This vital task involves the executive and lawmaking divisions of government, plus the intelligence agencies themselves, to carry out programs that help ensure the legality and morality of spy operations. The era of new and more serious intelligence accountability over intelligence activities began in earnest during 1975 with the Church Committee inquiries and continues today. The ongoing search continues in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and several other democracies, for the proper balance between the close supervision of intelligence under the law, on the one hand, and sufficient executive discretion to permit the effective conduct of vital intelligence missions against foreign autocrats and domestic insurrectionists, on the other hand." (éditeur)

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