

MISSION STATEMENT
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The FBI is Americas top law enforcement agency, and as such, its mission is to protect America and its citizens at home and abroad. The strength of the FBI has always been the public trust in the integrity and quality of FBI investigations. However, in light of the many FBI mistakes which have surfaced during the past decade and additional mistakes which will be exposed in future legal actions and a book I'm writing titled, *Fatal Betrayals of the Intelligence Mission*, Americas confidence level in the FBI will further erode. However, as a nation we must work together in seeking to regain the confidence level we once had in the FBI to achieve its vital mission of protecting the safety and welfare of America and its citizens throughout the world.

The FBI is going through a difficult time; however, I am confident the FBI and the American people can overcome these difficulties. Together, we can and must resolve the difficult issues surrounding the problems within the FBI. America cannot afford to have its top law enforcement agency continue to be lax in areas fundamental to the national security of this country. I love America and likewise I love the FBI, particularly its purpose and mission; however, the mission has been seriously jeopardized to the point American lives have been needlessly lost. Accordingly, I am seeking a thorough review and complete "house cleaning" to identify and fix the FBI's problems, whether they be managers, agents, procedures, policies and/or inadequate laws.

In my opinion, there are a combination of reasons why the FBI has failed to maintain the public trust. These reasons include:

1. The lack of quality managers.
2. The lack of program goals & objectives.
3. The lack of modern computer technology.
4. The failure to modernize investigative objectives.
5. The agency is overwhelmed with too many investigative violations.
6. A lack of independent oversight of the agency (incompetent managers are not held accountable for their mistakes).
7. The FBI's internal affairs unit (OPR) is bias and unfair.
8. Serious Intelligence vs. Criminal investigative conflicts have contributed to the preventable deaths of American citizens.
9. The FBI's duplication of the investigative jurisdictions of other federal law enforcement agencies such as the DEA and ATF.

As a eleven year veteran of the FBI, it is my opinion the management of the FBI is incapable of

resolving these issues on its own. Any cosmetic attempt by the FBI to fix itself is not realistic. Little would actually change, mainly due to the mentality of the poor FBI leadership. Therefore, in the interest of America's National and Economic Security, I believe President Bush and Congress should work together to implement a task force made up of experts from outside the FBI to conduct a top to bottom review of the FBI's hiring procedures, investigative procedures, outdated or unnecessary investigative violations, information technology, records management, overall organizational structure and the FBI mission.

The task force should include experts from state and local law enforcement offices, computer technology experts, management information specialists, and state and federal prosecutors. Anyone who is affected by or relies upon the FBI should be involved in this critical and necessary restructuring of the FBI. Programs and administration of each FBI office should be effective and efficient. The information collected by the FBI should be utilized to effectively protect American citizens and the National and Economic Security of America.

A significant percentage of the criminal activity investigated by the FBI is directly linked to the sale of or use of illegal drugs. The FBI has even established drug squads to investigate drug related matters. However, a separate federal agency, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) already exists. Therefore, I believe the task force should seriously consider consolidating the DEA into the FBI.

More importantly, the task force must seriously consider removing the terrorism investigative matters from the hands of the FBI. For reasons of consistency, reliability and national security, these responsibilities should be assigned to a new federal Anti-Terrorism Agency. The assets of the DEA could be used to fund the new anti-terrorism agency. Simply switch the terrorism responsibilities of the FBI with the nations illegal drug responsibilities.

Knowing what I know, I can confidently say that until the investigative responsibilities for terrorism are transferred from the FBI, I will not feel safe. The FBI has proven for the past decade it cannot identify and prevent acts of terrorism against the United States and its citizens at home and abroad. Even worse, there is virtually no effort on the part of the FBI's International Terrorism Unit to neutralize known and suspected international terrorists residing within the United States. Unfortunately, more terrorist attacks against American interests coupled with the loss of American lives will have to occur before those in power give this matter the urgent attention it deserves.

Realizing more American lives are going to be needlessly lost, no one should expect me to consciously sit idly by and pretend to forget the things I know. By sharing what I know, the terrorism problems plaguing America may be corrected. Knowing what I know, I truly believe I would be derelict in my duty as an American if I did not do my best to bring the FBI's dereliction

of duty to the attention of others. Therefore, in an effort to prevent more deadly terrorist attacks against American interest at home and abroad, I have made it my mission, with the legal assistance of Attorney David Schippers, to legally expose the problems of the FBI to the President of the United States, U.S. Congress and the American people.

1. Performance Appraisal Reports of Robert G. Wright, Jr. obtained via the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act,
See pages 1-4; 1-5; 1-7; 1-10 and 1-17.