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The following facts regarding FBI activity in the 1960's are amply documented in FBI documents released under FOIA and the JFK Act and in the public statements of ranking FBI and Justice Department officials:

I. With regard to foreign intelligence, the FBI had two primary roles:

A. Counterintelligence/counterespionage, which involved, among other things, the identification and neutralization of foreign intelligence agents and officers in the United States.

B. Collection of positive intelligence regarding policymaking, diplomatic initiatives, etc., of foreign governments.

II. The FBI, based on its investigations, regarded the intelligence services of the Soviet Bloc nations as the greatest foreign intelligence threat within the United States, and used every means at its disposal to counter this threat.

A. Soviet intelligence directed the intelligence services of the Soviet satellites and had access to all information obtained by the satellite services. The FBI saw the Soviet Bloc nations as, in effect, conducting a single, coordinated intelligence effort against the United States.

B. Practically all official establishments of Soviet Bloc nations in the United States had intelligence functions. Such establishments included embassies, consulates, U.N. missions, commercial establishments, and press representatives. Between 70 and 80 percent of the personnel attached to these establishments had intelligence functions. Many of these personnel engaged in illegal espionage activity, including bribery, extortion, and blackmail.

C. The FBI published detailed accounts of intelligence techniques that Soviet Bloc officials used in the United States, in order to forewarn segments of the American public likely to have been targeted.

- III. The FBI maintained investigative files on foreign establishments such as Radio Moscow, the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, and the French embassy. The FBI also had an investigative file on the Polish journalist Zygmunt Brozniarek.
- IV. The following sources and methods were used by the FBI:
 - A. Wiretaps of embassies and other foreign establishments.

- B. Surreptitious entry to plant microphones to monitor Soviet agents.
- C. Review of bank records in espionage investigations without benefit of subpoena.
- D. Intercepting and opening mail to the Soviet embassy.

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