Guide to the Study of Intelligence

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INTELLIGENCE BIBLIOGRAPHIES, NEWSLETTERS AND WEBLIOGRAPHIES

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For those educators and interested parties who try to keep up with the world of intelligence the flood of information can be daunting. Newspaper articles, new books, scholarly journals, and web blogs that address intelligence are numerous. Many are politically motivated; none is comprehensive. Unclassified sources lack much of the primary material. Classified sources, unless leaked, are not available. Nevertheless, the following are useful resources, presented in alphabetical order.

AFCEA International (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) publishes Signal magazine monthly, which contains numerous intelligence-related articles and news. AFCEA members can also subscribe free of charge to Nightwatch, executive-level nightly intelligence recap, written by former intelligence analysts at KGS (K-force Government Solutions), that covers global hotspots with commentary. AFCEA also publishes via its website webinars and white papers related to intelligence. www.afcea.org

Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) is an education-oriented national association and has two major recurring publications. The Weekly Intelligence Notes (WIN), available to paid members, provides synopses and links to major intelligence-related news stories. The WINs also have a comprehensive calendar of intelligence-related events, including for the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. AFIO’s journal, Intelligencer, carries articles, opinion pieces, book reviews, and association news. It is published three times a year. AFIO’s website contains a plethora of information and links to official government websites. Articles for AFIO’s Guide to the Study of Intelligence, aimed at educators, appear on its website (www.afio.com). AFIO is non-partisan. Most of its members are former intelligence officers.

The Central Intelligence Agency’s Center for the Study of Intelligence contains rich resources for educators including agency-related news, reports, a FOIA electronic reading room, topical papers from CIA University’s Kent School, and a selected bibliography of books. Unclassified articles from its in-house magazine,
Studies in Intelligence, are published on its website. www.cia.gov and
https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence

The CiCentre is a private counterintelligence training firm that maintains a
comprehensive database on international espionage cases, terrorism and
cybersecurity incidents, and other related counterintelligence events. Its on-line
database, Spynedia, is available via subscription. www.cicentre.com

The Defense Intelligence Alumni Association (DIAA) provides subscribed
members with the Early Bird, the Department of Defense’s daily summary of news.
Founded in 1998 membership is limited to those who have served in the Defense

The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) is a national organization. It
publishes a free electronic newsletter, Secrecy News, that often addresses
intelligence and related issues. Secrecy News is archived
at http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/secrecy/index.html. FAS maintains an extensive
electronic library on national security related topics, including intelligence
(www.fas.org) and many research reports from the non-partisan Congressional
Research Service (CRS) that are not readily available to the public.

H-Net Network on Intelligence History and Studies is a donation-supported web
service that covers intelligence items of historical significance. Members receive 3
to 5 emails per week on intelligence history related topics. The network also
provides a forum for historians to query one another and collaborate on-line. H-
net@h-net.msu.edu

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) was established as the
Security Affairs Support Association (SASA) in 1979 to bring together professionals
in the intelligence field, primarily employees of the National Security Agency, and to
help members keep abreast of intelligence and national security community issues
and facilitate cooperation, information sharing, and innovation within the
Intelligence Community. INSA provides its members with periodic emails on
current events and working group white papers on current issues of intelligence
and industry interest. http://www.insaonline.org/

International Association For Intelligence Education (IAFIE). An international
networking organization for university educators teaching about intelligence, IAFIE
has a ListServ via which members can discuss various topics. Its website lists both
government and private sector intelligence-related journals. http://www.iafie.org/

Loyola University Maryland’s Department of Political Science maintains the
Loyola Homepage on Strategic Intelligence, which provides links to many web sites,
journals, articles, documents, laws and congressional hearing transcripts related to
intelligence.

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http://www.loyola.edu/departments/academics/political-science/strategic-intelligence/index.html

One of the most useful and comprehensive bibliographies of intelligence related books and articles was begun in 1998 by Professor J. Ransom Clark at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. The Literature of Intelligence: A Bibliography of Materials with Essays, Review, and Comments is a free resource. http://intellit.muskingum.edu/

The Director of National Intelligence website (www.dni.gov) provides extensive information on the Intelligence Community, including reports, transcripts of speeches by senior officials, interviews, testimony before Congress, and links to all Intelligence Community organizations’ home pages.

The Military Intelligence Corps Association publishes The Vanguard magazine for its members since 2005. The Vanguard contains historical and other articles on military intelligence. Its archived articles are available at http://www.micastore.com/Vanguard.html

The National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA), founded in 1974, publishes an on-line American Intelligence Journal once every year or two. It contains articles on military and national intelligence topics. Membership in NMIA also enables members to receive a thrice-weekly news summary, ZGram, that covers national security and intelligence related news reports from around the world. CableGram is another email summary that is available and covers foreign and domestic homeland security matters. www.nmia.org.

George Washington University’s National Security Archive was founded in 1985 by journalists and scholars to check rising government secrecy and expand public access to government information. It is an advocate of open government and indexer and publisher of former secrets. Its research institute maintains an extensive archive of declassified U.S. documents. Its Digital National Security Archive contains well-indexed collections on major national security topics including intelligence. http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/

The National Security Institute in Medway, MA, produces a weekly e-newsletter, Security NewsWatch. It addresses security threats including cyber threats and is complimentary. To subscribe visit http://nsi.org/newsletter.html. NSI provides a variety of professional information and security awareness services to defense contractors and U.S. government security practitioners.

Naval Intelligence Professionals (NIP) was founded in 1985 for present and former Naval Intelligence Professionals to stay informed of developments in the Naval Intelligence community and of the activities and whereabouts of past
shipmates. It publishes an on-line quarterly journal with articles and news about naval intelligence personnel. http://www.navintpro.org/

The Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) is a business intelligence-oriented association (formerly known as the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals). Its Competitive Intelligence™ magazine is published four times a year. http://www.scip.org/

Since March 2012 the library at the University of Maryland University College compiles a weekly e-newsletter on cybersecurity issues and cyber incidents. It provides links to the full articles from many sources. Some links are restricted to university-affiliated personnel due to copyright agreements. Issues are available at http://cybersecurityupdate.wordpress.com

Many of the association-related journals include book reviews, as do some subscription journals. The best sources for book reviews include CIA’s Studies in Intelligence, AFIO’s Intelligencer, NMIA’s American Intelligence Journal, Intelligence and National Security, and the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

Due to the dynamic nature of information sources in today’s world AFIO invites readers to recommend additional resources that are reliable and useful for educators teaching about the field of intelligence. Please send comments to guide@afio.com. This article will be updated periodically and posted on the AFIO website at www.afio.com/40_guide.htm.

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