

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW GROUP SUGGESTS NSA CURRENTLY ACTS AS A DOMESTIC SECURITY SERVICE

One amusing tension in the NSA Review Group report is that its members clearly have been briefed on some things that haven't been reported in the Snowden stories (yet), but it can't tell us what those are.

Which is why I'm curious what's behind the following language, offered in support of the recommendation to clearly designate NSA as a foreign intelligence organization and presented with two other things we know NSA does.

It should not be a domestic security service, a military command, or an information assurance organization.

[snip]Like other agencies, there are situations in which NSA does and should provide support to the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and other law enforcement entities. But it should not assume the lead for programs that are primarily domestic in nature.

That seems to suggest that, in addition to supporting DHS, DOJ, and other law enforcement entities (cough, DEA, as well as probably Secret Service in its cyber-role), NSA takes the lead on certain issues that are primarily domestic.

I do hope we'll learn what this refers to. Because if NSA is operating domestically (maybe to police IP?), it will be scandalous news.