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The papers of former Vice President Mondale
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TOPIC: INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

Summary: *Watergate and related abuses of power provoked a concerted effort by Congress to reassert itself during the mid-1970s. This congressional resurgence ranged from budgeting to war making and intelligence gathering. Mr. Mondale was a leader in establishing a new framework for overseeing intelligence activities. Part of these efforts resulted in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (or FISA). Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the FISA framework was challenged by the administration of George W. Bush and received renewed attention in Congress and in the media.*

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