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SUBJECT: Cycles

A task is to recognize there are cycles in our country where CIA and intelligence gathering comes in and goes out of popularity.

The same thing is true with Defense budgets.

Congress and the press rise up to savage the military and the intelligence people periodically.

We have to figure out ways to manage through such cycles, so the country is not ill-served by having the intel and the military people tuck in, and not be willing to do what is needed for fear of being sent to jail or criticized.

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