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***Starkin S.V. Struggle against proliferation weapons of mass destruction as display of transformation of global threats in activity of the American intelligence community***

The article deals with topical issues of anti-American intelligence community to stop proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the context of transforming the nature of modern threats. Particular attention is paid to the dialectic of collecting intelligence information at the specified range of issues with the help of agents and technical means. The author points out that from the perspective of U.S. leadership in today's world dominated by two threats: anti-Western political extremism in the form of terrorist groups or "rogue states" and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of these extremists or "rogue states" with the concomitant risk of its use to attack specific targets. The situation with modern threats predetermines the extraction and analysis of intelligence on transnational phenomena as the highest priority of the U.S. intelligence community. Based on our analysis, the author concludes that the presence of (the threat of use) of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of non-state actors can not rely on the familiar concept of the balance of forces due to non-territorial nature of non-state actors and their inability to bind to any State.

Key words: intelligence community of the USA, foreign policy process, the intelligence analysis, the strategic intelligence information, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

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