

REPORT: FBI NEEDS TO HUNT “SPACE-SYSTEM INTRUDERS” BETTER

I’m reading through the report released yesterday that basically says FBI needs to do more spying and analysis.

On top of some observations on the substance of the report (to come), I think it was poorly edited, with some fairly humorous results.

Which is what I attribute the mention of “space-system intruders” in the following passage to:

The Review Commission recognizes that national security threats to the United States have multiplied, and become increasingly complex and more globally dispersed in the past decade. Hostile states and transnational networks—including cyber hackers and organized syndicates, *space-system intruders*, WMD proliferators, narcotics and human traffickers, and other organized criminals—are operating against American interests across national borders, and within the United States. [my emphasis]

I have no clue what FBI actually meant by this transnational threat, the “space-system intruder.” Maybe we really are, still, fighting UFOs, only this time launched by al Qaeda? Maybe we’re having a fight over the satellite-sphere, and not just with other nation-states? Maybe this is just an awkward phrase for territorial insurgents?

Whatever it is, I hope this incautious mention elicits some good conspiracy sci-fi.

Update: Charlie Savage tweets that it is “threat of hacking satellites with systemic consequences (GPS, communications).”