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Contrary to reporting presented by Bill Gertz in *The Washington Times* ('*Inside the Ring*' – *Counterdeception unit to close*), there are no plans to “close down” the Foreign Denial and Deception Committee (FDDC).

As an important component of the National Intelligence Council (NIC), the FDDC continues its vital work advising the Director of National Intelligence on foreign denial and deception (D&D) activities. It actively leads research, collection, production and training initiatives to counter foreign D&D efforts and stem the flow of information on intelligence community sources and methods to foreign entities. The FDDC also acts as the interagency hub for the collaboration and integration of the counter-foreign denial and deception mission across the intelligence community.