Fundamental Problems with How Intelligence Community is Assessing Information

- Application of a standard that it would not normally obtain
  - IC does not normally require juridical evidence to support a finding
- Consistent underestimation of importance that would be attached by Iraq and al Qaida to hiding a relationship
  - Especially when operational security is very good, "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence"
- Assumption that secularists and Islamists will not cooperate, even when they have common interests