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Thwarting or mitigating inappropriate influences or conflicts of interest in research should be second nature, but now a newly recognized threat is turning up the pressure on compliance officials. At a hearing before a Senate committee in August, NIH Director Francis Collins said the agency is particularly concerned about possible influences by foreign governments (RRC 9/18, p. 1).

To date, NIH has not offered specific strategies to enhance safeguards for proprietary or confidential information, but a recent talk by FBI Special Agent Peter Lapp included recommendations and suggestions for keeping data safe from economic espionage (see story, p. 1). Lapp is the private sector coordinator in the FBI's Washington, D.C., field office.

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