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Jamie Gorelick didn't stop the intelligence agencies from talking to each other. Here's the real story:

It all started with John Ashcroft going in front of the 9/11 Commission. Here's what Salon has to say:

Salon.com Blustering denials might not be sufficient to suppress such bad publicity. So while the attorney general pompously assured the commissioners that their work "can serve a noble purpose," he sought to intimidate them by launching a broadside against the Clinton administration, in the form of a bitter personal attack on former deputy attorney general Jamie Gorelick. His tool was a hastily declassified 1995 Justice Department memorandum, written by Gorelick, that limited communications between intelligence agents and criminal investigators. According to Ashcroft, that memo stopped the FBI and the CIA from apprehending the al-Qaida agents lurking in the U.S. during the "summer of threat" as they prepared for the Sept. 11 hijackings. He didn't explain why his own deputy attorney general, Larry Thompson, endorsed precisely the same 1995 guidelines on Aug. 6, 2001. Neither did the Wall Street Journal editorial page, which swiftly seconded Ashcroft's attack on Gorelick, whom it accused of a conflict of interest.

So, according, Ashcroft, the memo stopped the two agencies from talking to each other, but fails to say why his own deputy endorsed the same guidelines in 2001. There's a good reason for this memo, by the way... Back in the Nixon years, Nixon was using the CIA to spy on U.S. citizens, like having agents infiltrate anti-war protest groups and such. That was very ugly. Thus, new rules were set down where the CIA wouldn't operate in the U.S. and the FBI wouldn't operate outside of the United States, for the most part. This got pretty nasty, since the agencies stopped sharing information with each other and became very territorial. So, Jamie Gorelick wrote a memo laying down the law of what the agencies can and cannot do, where they CAN share information with each other. That was never against the rules. This memo was helping to get information spread around. And during the Clinton administration, The head of the FBI and the head of the CIA, along with some other people, Sandy Berger included, I believe, sat around a table every week and discussed things, mainly terrorism. This never happened during the Bush administration. Trying to pin this on Jamie Gorelick is just an attempted smear by Ashcroft that some people caught on to.

If the Clintons had been in office for 4 more years, 9/11 would probably have been prevented, seeing how in the Bush administration the head of the CIA and FBI didn't meet with the President every single week to discuss mostly terrorism.

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