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# SONNET LECTURE: 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**John F. Sonnett Memorial Lecture.**  
"The magic words shall hold thee fast."  
(*Child of the Pure Unclouded Brow*).

On January 15, 1980, Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti delivered the Tenth Annual Sonnett Memorial Lecture, and did, indeed, hold us fast with his exposition of the sensitive and complex issues involved in *Intelligence Gathering and the Law*. Noting the "basic tension in intelligence gathering activities . . . between the government's legitimate need for information and the individual's right of privacy," Attorney General Civiletti's analysis probed the nature and role of intelligence gathering, the evolution and continuing developments of intelligence law, with illustrative constitutional problems, and the future of intelligence law in the United States. The Lecture has been published at 48 *Fordham Law Review* 883 (May, 1980).



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Dean's Report: 1979-80, p. 9.