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INT	Advantages	Disadvantages
HUMINT	Voluminous material	Voluminous material
	Military targets tend to communicate in regular patterns	May encounter communications silence, use of secure lines, spoofing via phony traffic
	Can be done remotely	Expensive
	Offers insights into plans, intentions	Riskier in terms of lives, political fallout
MASINT	Relatively inexpensive	Requires more time to acquire and validate sources
		Problems of dangles, false feeds, double agents
	Extremely useful for issues such as proliferation	Expensive
OSINT	Can be done remotely	Little understood by most users
		Requires a great deal of processing and exploitation
	More readily available	Voluminous
	Extremely useful as a place to start all collection	Less likely to offer insights available from clandestine INTs

Note: INT = collection discipline; GEOINT = geospatial (formerly imagery) intelligence; SIGINT = signals intelligence; HUMINT = human intelligence; MASINT = measurement and signatures intelligence; and OSINT = open-source intelligence.