Activities of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Toward the Branch Davidians. Report House of Representatives 104th Congress, 2nd Session, Union Calendar No. 395 August 2, 1996. V. Military Involvement in the Government Operations at Waco. U.S. military involvement is one of the least explored and most misunderstood elements of the events that took place near Waco, TX in 1993. Overview of the law The Posse Comitatus Act was enacted in the United States in 1878 in response to the improper use of military troops in the South during the post-Civil War Reconstruction period. The Posse Comitatus Act provides When the FBI and other law enforcement agencies began their fateful 51-day standoff with a religious cult in Waco, Texas, known as the Branch Davidians on 28 February 1993, Bill Clinton had just taken office as President a month earlier. By that afternoon, the FBI, in cooperation with the ATF and Department of Treasury officials, had also sent in advance units of its elite Hostage Rescue Team. The Branch Davidians, an offshoot of the Seventh