



Snowden May Testify Before German Investigation Committee

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The trans-Atlantic scandal over NSA and GCHQ spying is taking an interesting turn, with hints in Berlin that finally, Germany has made direct contact to Edward Snowden in his Russian exile, and that he may actually give testimony to the special investigation committee of the German Bundestag which is expected to be created on Nov. 18. A German politician, whose name is withheld, seems to have met with Snowden in Russia, in this connection.

There are two options: 1) Either Snowden travels to Berlin to testify there, for which he would be guaranteed safe passage and protection by the German government. A legal expert team of the Bundestag has come to the conclusion, in a memo, that German extradition agreements with the U.S.A. do not apply in this case, and therefore Snowden would have free entry to Germany and free return to Russia. Or, 2) Snowden stays in Russia, where he would speak with Bundestag members and legal experts from Germany. In either case, the Russian government would have to consent, naturally.

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