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NSA Accused of Spying on EU

President of the European Parliament demands "Full Clarification" From the U.S.

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By FRANCES ROBINSON

BRUSSELS—The president of the European Parliament has demanded "full clarification" from the U.S. after it was alleged that the National Security Agency collected information on European institutions as part of its spying activities.

German weekly magazine Der Spiegel reported Sunday that the U.S. placed listening devices in the European Union's representation in Washington, infiltrated its computers, and carried out cyberattacks in New York and Washington against EU bodies. It cited information seen in secret documents obtained by whistleblower [Edward Snowden](#) as the basis for its report.

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The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, didn't immediately respond to call for comment. The U.S. Mission to the European Union wasn't

immediately available for comment early Sunday.

However, the president of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, said that if the reports that EU offices have been bugged by the U.S. authorities are true, it could seriously impact EU-U.S. relations.

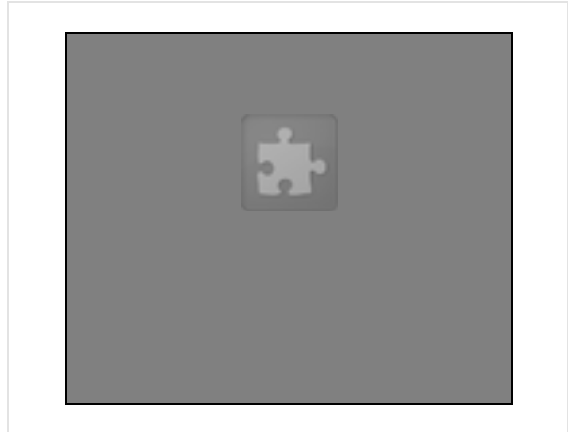
"I am deeply worried and shocked about the allegations of U.S. authorities spying on EU offices," Mr. Schulz said in a statement. "If the allegations prove to be true, it would be an extremely serious matter which will have a severe impact on EU-U.S. relations...on behalf of the European Parliament, I demand full clarification and require further information speedily from the U.S. authorities with regard to these allegations."

The revelations about the NSA's alleged activities have already prompted the EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding to organize, together with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, [a panel of experts to find out how much was shared about Europeans' data](#).

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