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NSA Broke U.N. Encryption Code and Illegally Spied on U.N. Teleconferences

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The revelation of the day about the NSA spying on the entire world comes from Der Spiegel (via Russia Today, Daily Beast, and other media), which reports that it has seen documents from Edward Snowden showing that the NSA in 2012 successfully cracked the encryption code protecting the United Nations' internal videoconferencing system. The NSA cracked the internal coding system and then, in communication between its members, wrote "the data traffic gives us internal video teleconferences of the United Nations. (yay!)"



U.N. Security Council.

[RT reports](#) [1]: "The United States was not just busy spying on the European Union, the report revealed, but had its surveillance apparatus trained on the international body as well. The publication reported on Sunday that the electronic breaching of the UN occurred in the summer of 2012. Within three weeks of initially gaining access to the UN system, the NSA had increased the

number of such decrypted communications from 12 to 458."

The report also said that the NSA oversees a monitoring program called the Special Collection Service, which is jointly staffed by the CIA and NSA, which exists in over 80 embassies and consulates around the world, often without the knowledge of the host country.

The Deutsche Welle coverage adds that "The alleged spying activities are illegal. The U.S. has a long-standing agreement with the UN stipulating that the U.S. refrain from covert operations with regards to the UN's activities."

Links:

[1] <http://rt.com/news/nsa-us-un-germany-snowden-964/>

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