



Obama NSA Surveillance Disclosures Keep on Coming

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As Glenn Greenwald had promised, the revelations about NSA spying coming from Edward Snowden just keep on multiplying.

* In Italy, Corriere della Sera reported that phone calls and computer communications of millions of Italians are monitored by the NSA. Italy's Parliamentary Committee for the Intelligence and Security Services and for State Secret Control (COPASIR) has recently learned details of large-scale monitoring of Italians by the NSA, and members of the parliamentary committee recently went to the U.S. and met with U.S. intelligence agency directors, as well as with Congressional committee chairs.

* German Chancellor Angela Merkel complained to President Barack Obama on Wednesday, after learning that U.S. intelligence may have targeted her mobile phone, and said this would be "a serious breach of trust" if confirmed, her government announced, as reported by Associated Press. White House spokesman Jay Carney acknowledged that Obama and Merkel spoke by telephone, and that "the President assured the Chancellor that the United States is not monitoring and will not monitor the communications of the Chancellor." (U.S. National Public Radio noted that it was not stated whether the NSA *had not* monitored them.)

* The NSA tapped 1.8 million Dutch telephones in one month alone as part of its Boundless Informant surveillance program, Dutch media reported on Oct. 21, according to author Matthew Aid, who added that, in Germany, 500 million numbers were picked up by the NSA, and in France, 70 million.

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