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Obama's "Missing 90 Minutes"

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In response to the Washington Post's revelations last week of NSA's internal knowledge of its wrongdoings, NSA dispatched "director of compliance" John DeLong, who defensively spoke to media on Aug. 16. As part of the effort, DeLong reserved a special time for Washington Post reporter Barton Gellman, to whom he spoke at length, producing a 90-minute interview.

You will not read any of that interview here, however.

That is because, after the interview, Obama stepped in, pre-publication, and "evaporated" the entire 90 minutes, instead releasing a one-paragraph statement, exonerating NSA from any wrongdoing, laughably calling NSA a "regulated organization" and if people had a problem with that, they should just call their "hotline," being reassured that "no adverse action of reprisal can be taken" against them!

Although the Post had agreed to simple pre-conditions, reporter Gellman had refused to allow the editing of any of DeLong's statements, and only reluctantly agreed to pre-publication review on the grounds that he was dealing with "classified" information. In a posted statement, the Post said that they declined "to accept the substitute language" as the words of DeLong, and therefore would not publish anything.

Unofficial reports are now claiming that NSA's DeLong has been sighted trying to buy a ticket to the Moscow airport.



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