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From the HQ

I would like to welcome you to the first issue of the LIBERATOR. This is our experimental effort to provide patriots from Indiana and across the nation a unified militia news and commentary e-publication which can be obtained from our website and shared by email or peer-to-peer networks with others who care.

This special issue is super-sized to accommodate everything that we've been accumulating since the beginning of the year. Typically the newsletter will be bimonthly with an emphasis on news analysis and editorial. We hope to achieve a balance between providing a free print newsletter (costs of which can become prohibitive on a large scale); an online editorial page, and an online news page. We believe that this format will enable all three formats. It will combine the news that we believe concerns patriots, with commentary, in a printable form accessible from the IMC website and by email, to be printed by a recipient if they so desire.

As time goes on, we hope to hone this publication into the finest public affairs project in American militia history. To make this happen, we are prepared to recruit, train and employ dedicated patriots interested in assisting us with this mission.

In Liberty,
MG William A. Flatt



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Operational capability is our #1 priority in IMC.

Operational capability is the combined state of readiness of every militiaman in the organization times their logistical capability. If less than two-thirds of the members in a unit are not in a state of readiness, that unit is not in a state of readiness. The percentage of units in the militia that are ready are a reflection of that militia's operational capability.

Logistical capability is divided into levels, like one's training. The base level of logistical capability is called "mission-essential individual gear" and is the bare-bones, must-have gear if one expects to survive in the field in late spring, summer, or early fall. Gear beyond this bare minimum is generally packed according to mission and seasonal requirements in either a home-pack, a "bug-out bag" or reserve duffel, or in special kits for rappelling, NBC defense, et cetera.

Truly prepared individuals will have not only everything on their gear list but also spare parts and cached reserves of food, ammo, water filters, high energy supplements, extra clothing and boots.

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BIG BROTHER SPYING ON YOUR PHONES

WASHINGTON - A new furor over Big Brother tactics erupted May 12th when it was revealed that the Bush administration has been tracking nearly every phone call in the country over the past five years.

The lists include calls made within the United States, something the Bush administration has previously denied. Officials have said the spying program, [uncovered in December](#), only involves international calls. But this latest revelation indicates that this is not the case.

The colossal secret database of phone calls, first reported by USA Today, prompted Democratic and Republican members of Congress to demand answers from the White House, and at least one Senate committee chairman promptly called for public hearings.

Bush defenders on Capitol Hill confirmed that the National Security Agency began collecting records of landline and cell phone calls shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and condemned leaks on the project.

But Democrats and several Republicans questioned the program's legality.

After 9/11, the NSA secretly contracted with AT&T, Verizon and BellSouth for the records on all calls made over the more than 200 million phones serviced by the firms. The Denver-based Qwest firm refused to turn over data on its 14 million phones.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino tried to downplay any sense of domestic spying.

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10 things you should know about the NSA phone scandal

1. What is the National Security Agency doing?

The spy agency is collecting the telephone records of ordinary Americans and building a massive database of nearly every call made within the country. We're talking more than 200 million phone lines across the U.S. and billions of calls, according to AFP.

2. When did this start?

Shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, according to USA Today. The bigger question is, where does the NSA snooping stop, because if they can track our calls, there's nothing to prevent them from reading our e-mails, text and video messages. Even Internet phone services that encrypt their calls could be vulnerable to Big Brother.

3. Why is the NSA doing this?

They claim that they identify *potential terrorists* by tracking who talks to whom in personal and business calls, whether local or long distance. *It's a process known as "social network analysis" that aims to identify previously undetected connections between people.* It is yet another example of how the federal government has targeted law-abiding Americans as the enemy; everyone is a 'potential' terrorist in their eyes.

4. Are the feds listening in to our phone calls?

They say they aren't. But they are keeping track of who we call; and identifying a caller from a phone number is a snap. Critics also question the government's rationale for doing this because terrorists can

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), the Judiciary Committee chairman, said he would subpoena the phone companies to appear before his committee.

"We're really flying blind on the subject and that's not a good way to approach the Fourth Amendment and the constitutional issues involving privacy," Specter said.

The uproar in Congress recalled the debate earlier this year of the NSA's eavesdropping without court approval on phone calls and e-mails between the U.S. and overseas where an Al Qaeda link was suspected.

The Justice Department claimed then that a Bush executive order allowed the special Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to be bypassed. The White House did not say yesterday whether an executive order had been signed for the phone record collection.

Only one company has declined participation in the program, Qwest. Sources say the company declined as it did not agree with the NSA's assertion that no court order was needed in order to hand over the records of its customers.

USA TODAY said the phone companies are not turning over the names, street addresses and other personal information of customers, but that the phone numbers being collected enable the NSA to obtain such information easily by cross-checking with other databases.

It should be noted that even the "U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T." Act requires the issuance of warrants, even if they are signed and executed in secret, to surveil Americans.

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easily get off "the grid" by using pay phones, calling cards and Internet cafes. They can also cover their tracks by using disposable - or a variety of - cell phones. The rationale is what was stated earlier – targeting the American people as the *'potential'* enemy.

5. Which telephone companies turned over their records to the NSA?

Verizon - with 7 million landline users just in New York State - AT&T, and BellSouth Corp. cooperated with the feds. They are the nation's biggest telecommunications companies and provide local and wireless phone service to more than 200 million customers. But Qwest, which has 14 million customers in 14 mostly Western states, refused.

6. What's President Bush's position?

Bush insists the feds are not "mining or trolling through the personal lives" of Americans. He says the NSA's actions are "lawful" and that he has briefed members of Congress. But he has been proven to be a liar and has openly rebuked the Constitution as "just a G-damned piece of paper", so his assurances hold no credibility.

7. What does Congress say?

Many Democrats and some Republicans are outraged and are demanding answers, but they are also largely part of the problem of out-of-control Big Brother government. They know it is unconstitutional and violates privacy rights. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) has vowed to grill phone company honchos about the NSA snooping. But Sen. Trent Lott (R-

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ARCHITECT OF NSA PHONE-SPYING PLOT TAPPED TO HEAD CIA

Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden, former director of the NSA, has had to answer concerns among members of Congress about the program to spy on Americans without a warrant.

"This is not about intercepting conversations between people in the United States" said Hayden about the spy program in January. "...This is focused. It's targeted. It's very carefully done. You shouldn't worry."

Hayden served as director of the NSA from March 1999 to April 2005 and would have overseen the call-tracking program. He has served since his departure from the NSA as deputy director of national intelligence under John D. Negroponte, who was put in overall charge of the U.S. intelligence community last year. Now Hayden is seeking confirmation to head the CIA.



Focusing the spyglass

[An editorial by a known proponent of big brother government]

By Oliver North

May 14, 2006

In a courtyard of the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., is a statue of Nathan Hale, the first American ever executed for spying.

In the days before satellites, cell

Miss.) is defending the program as a necessary tool for fighting terrorism.

8. What is the potential political fallout?

It could stall the confirmation of Bush's pick to run the CIA, Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden. He was already taking flak for spearheading the NSA's electronic eavesdropping program on telephone calls and e-mails from within the U.S. to suspected terrorists overseas. The fallout could even extend so far as to cause a shift of power into the hands of the Democrat Party this November.

9. So that's different from what we're finding out now?

Yes. That program involved the NSA tapping telephone calls and e-mails from within the U.S. to suspected terrorists overseas - without warrants. This NSA program keeps tabs on all of us - also without our knowledge, and without warrants.

10. What happens now?

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) warned of a "major constitutional confrontation." The debate over civil liberties and the legal underpinnings for the Bush administration's actions has already begun. But the establishment media says the public is divided over how much privacy should be sacrificed in the name of safety from terrorism.



phones and electronic surveillance, young Nathan Hale volunteered to go into enemy territory and acquire the "human intelligence" Gen. George Washington needed to make future war plans. Regrettably, Hale had neither the tools nor the training necessary to allow him to escape back to friendly lines. Captured by the British, legend has it that as Hale stood on the gallows from which he would be hanged, his last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

The sculpture of Nathan Hale should be moved to the front entrance of CIA headquarters. That would remind those who pass through the portals how important human intelligence was -- and continues to be -- to our nation in an era when we are threatened by radical Islamic terror and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Unfortunately, last week's new leak of classified information about how the National Security Agency collects signals intelligence is likely to jeopardize a very necessary reorganization of the Central Intelligence Agency. The current firestorm was created by a hyperventilated USA Today article Thursday, which claims the NSA "has been secretly collecting the phone call records of tens of millions of Americans."

Despite the president's assurances the NSA is "not mining or trolling through the personal lives of millions of innocent Americans," and that "the privacy of ordinary Americans is fiercely protected in all our activities," politicians already are using the most recent allegations as a reason to oppose the appointment of Gen. Michael Hayden as the new CIA chief. The NSA debate obscures an urgent reality: The CIA desperately needs new leadership and direction.

Nearly 60 years ago, the National Security Act of 1947 created not only a Central Intelligence Agency but a director of central intelligence (DCI). The job of the DCI was threefold: to oversee the entire U.S. intelligence community, head the CIA and act as the principal adviser to the president for intelligence matters.

It never quite worked as intended. With few exceptions, the alphabet soup of 16 U.S. government agencies charged with collecting intelligence -- CIA, NSA, DIA, NRO, INR, FBI,

DOE, DHS, DEA, ATF, TFI, US Army, USN, USMC, USAF, USCG -- never danced to the beat of the DCI. The vicious terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, proved how inadequate this bureaucracy was in collecting information and disseminating intelligence to those responsible for protecting the American people. All this was supposed to change when John Negroponte became the director of national intelligence on April 22, 2005. A year later, it appears this reorganization hasn't worked either.

As politicians with the attention span of fruit flies rush to the microphones for "face time" on the NSA debate and the color of the suit the new CIA director will wear, essential repairs to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTP) and to the CIA's mission and methods are being swept aside. In the midst of a war, it's a distraction we can ill afford. A few examples:

The IRTP was so imperfectly written that vital organizations like the CIA's National Counter-terrorism Center must go hat-in-hand to various agencies to beg for information on terrorist cells, leaders and locations. The Defense Department responded by creating new organizations within the Joint Special Operations Command for collecting "actionable" human intelligence, leaving the CIA "out of the loop."

The CIA desperately needs a leader who can refocus the agency's personnel, energy and attention at the Langley headquarters and globally on the collection of human intelligence.

The office of the DNI needs the authority to centralize "all source" intelligence collection -- but should be directed to let analysis of information remain distributed throughout the government. There is, as one senior national security official told me, "no such thing as 'absolute intelligence.' We need 'competitive analysis' and perspective so that the decisionmaker isn't presented with the lowest common denominator of what's disseminated."

These three "fixes" won't solve all the problems in our collection and use of intelligence -- but they will help. Those who think that we can afford to dither and dawdle need to see the recent film, "United 93."

LTC Oliver North (Ret., USMC) was the focal point of the Iran-Contra scandal and an un-indicted co-

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conspirator. He fared better than convicted felon John Poindexter, who resurfaced many years after Iran-Contra to launch the "TLA" program run by DARPA. North currently works as an unabashedly neo-con commentator for Fox News.



Gen. Michael Hayden: Unreasonable Nominee for Probable Cause

By William E. Jackson Jr.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

AN ALARMING IGNORANCE

A Martian nerd of a figure, Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden, is likely to be nominated to be the new director of the CIA. The former director of the National Security Agency, and now deputy to the director of national intelligence (DNI), has been the most out-front and aggressive defender of the NSA's domestic surveillance program. He was NSA director when the spying program was launched in 2001. On January 23, 2006, in an appearance before the National Press Club, Hayden acted

out an alarming ignorance of the Fourth Amendment.

The last journalist to get in a question at the Press Club, Jonathan Landay, an investigative reporter for Knight-Ridder, observed that Gen. Hayden repeatedly referred to the Fourth Amendment's search standard of "reasonableness" without mentioning that it also requires "probable cause" (supported by affirmation). Hayden seemed to deny that the amendment included any such thing.

This caused Landay to reply, "The legal standard is probable cause, General."

Here are excerpts from the exchange, as reported in Editor&Publisher:

QUESTION: Jonathan Landay with Knight Ridder. [Regarding] the standard...you use to target your wiretaps. I'm no lawyer, but my understanding is that the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution specifies that you must have probable cause to be able to do a search that does not violate an American's right against unlawful searches and seizures.

GEN. HAYDEN: No, actually -- the Fourth Amendment actually protects all of us against unreasonable search and seizure.

QUESTION: The legal standard is probable cause, General. You used the terms just a few minutes ago, "We reasonably believe." And a FISA [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] court, my understanding is, would not give

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you a warrant if you went before them and say "we reasonably believe"; you have to go to the FISA court, or the attorney general has to go to the FISA court, and say, "we have probable cause."

And so what many people believe is that what you've actually done is crafted a detour around the FISA court by creating a new standard of "reasonably believe" in place of probable cause because the FISA court will not give you a warrant based on reasonable belief, you have to show probable cause. Could you respond to that?

GEN. HAYDEN: Sure. I didn't craft the authorization. I am responding to a lawful order. All right? The attorney general has averred to the lawfulness of the order.

Just to be very clear -- and believe me, if there's any amendment to the Constitution that employees of the National Security Agency are familiar with, it's the Fourth. [I]t is a reasonableness standard in the Fourth Amendment. And so what you've raised to me -- and I'm not a lawyer-- what you've raised to me is, in terms of quoting the Fourth Amendment, is an issue of the Constitution. The constitutional standard is "reasonable." ...I am convinced that we are lawful because what it is we're doing is reasonable.

HAYDEN a GOSS at the NSA?

Porter Goss has been criticized as director of the Central Intelligence Agency for causing some of the best professional analysts to leave, contributing to institutional chaos,

and generally demoralizing the Agency. This is strikingly comparable to an indictment of Hayden's seven-year tenure as director of this country's premier technical intelligence collection bureaucracy. A sitcom about NSA could be called "Hayden's Heroes" (as in Hogan) with a twist.

The twist is that Hayden, through an unprecedented public relations campaign aimed at the media and Congress, succeeded in convincing the public that NSA is an ace intelligence agency employing new communications technologies to track indications and warnings of global terrorism. But some NSA professionals have been cited in published reports that provide a quite different story. They point to an agency wracked by poor morale, questionable outsourcing of contracts that have the potential to compromise the most sensitive sources and methods, and an independent intelligence agency being too close to the White House.

The DUTY of the SENATE

Hayden's shocking extra-legal arrogance on display at the National Press Club undoubtedly appeals to the "unitary executive" minds of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and former White House counsel, now Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales. However, it is not known if Hayden, as NSA director back in 2001, responded to a lawful order from the White House, or the Justice Department, or the Defense Department, that authorized him to act.

Had he, in fact, acted on his own to institute a covert, warrantless, pervasive, domestic electronic eavesdropping program, in the aftermath of 9/11, and then

presented it as a fait accompli to a White House he was all too eager to please? He certainly did not come up to the Senate and House Intelligence committees and ask them how to do it legally!

It is reported that President Bush has been especially impressed with Hayden's unrelenting public defense of the surveillance program, which began under his direction. Under the program, the NSA monitors telephone calls and e-mail between the United States and overseas when one participant is suspected of links to terrorists. In addition, it has been alleged that it monitors calls and e-mails solely within the United States. The Administration continues to assert that it does not need court approval because of the president's inherent war powers. No room for the Fourth Amendment there.

In various public appearances, after all, Hayden has argued that the program was necessary for more "agility" in combating a nefarious enemy and that obtaining warrants would be impractical, even though the law permits intelligence tapping for 72 hours before getting court approval.

Will Senators on the Intelligence and Judiciary committees--not to mention the larger body of 100--flinch over performing their clear duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States against not only foreign, but domestic enemies as well?

Gen. Hayden is the wrong choice, at the wrong time, for the wrong job.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF DOMESTIC SPYING

The current scandal coming out of Washington is not new. Our nation has moved steadily toward becoming a total surveillance

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society over the last 15 years. While Reagan-era laws like the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) were intended to monitor agents and proxies of hostile foreign governments like the Soviet Union, or other foreign nationals; this law provides checks and balances that have been discarded by the last three administrations.

Starting with the Clinton administration in the early 1990's, we have seen a progressive discarding of the due process restrictions on domestic intelligence gathering, which has now reached the point where the federal government has finally admitted that it is tracking virtually every phone call, email, fax, text message, in the country.

Electronic surveillance began during the cold war era with a joint project known as [ECHELON](#). It was so secret that its existence was not confirmed until the 1990's when other forms of surveillance were discovered. ECHELON essentially was a mutual surveillance pact between the [USA, Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand](#). Our spy agencies, barred by law from spying on its own citizens, circumvented the law by spying on other countries' telecommunications and then shared that information with our partners in ECHELON. They in turn spied on Americans and turned over the raw data to the NSA.

Wiretapping of domestic calls by the federal government began in earnest with the passage of [CALEA](#), also known as the Communication Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. While this program is still tied up in court due to lawsuits by educators and librarians, it did give impetus to the Clinton administration's abortive attempt to place spyware into every phone made in the USA. Known as *key escrow*, the ill-conceived [CLIPPER CHIP](#) was intended to give the

government a backdoor into all encrypted domestic phone use.

[MAGIC LANTERN](#) is a form of spyware known as *policeware*, which functions as a trojan program on a targeted individual's computer. It logs keystrokes and then surreptitiously sends packets of the captured keystrokes over the internet to the FBI for analysis. Magic Lantern was first reported in a column by Bob Sullivan of MSNBC.

Unlike previous keystroke logger programs used by the FBI, Magic Lantern can reportedly be installed remotely, via an e-mail attachment or "by exploiting common operating system vulnerabilities". It has been variously described as a virus and a [Trojan horse](#). It is not known how the program might store or communicate the recorded keystrokes.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request filed in 2000 by the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the FBI released a series of unclassified documents relating to [CARNIVORE](#). Sullivan's confidential source said that redacted portions of that document mention "Cyber Knight", ". . . a database that sorts and matches data gathered using various Carnivore-like methods from e-mail, chat rooms, instant messages, and Internet phone calls. It also matches files with captured encryption keys."

Spokesmen for the FBI soon confirmed the existence of a program called Magic Lantern, denied that it had been deployed, and declined to comment further. DCS 1000 and OMNIVORE are variations on CARNIVORE. OMNIVORE is an "enhanced" version that "sniffs" the Internet and scans all communications for ECHELON-style trigger words.

TIA is the "Total Information Awareness" program developed by

DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, creators of the Internet). Originally run by convicted felon and Iran-Contra conspirator Adm. John Poindexter, the [Information Awareness Office](#) was immediately exposed by online privacy activists. Ominously, the project logo featured a Masonic-style pyramid with the "all seeing eye" casting its gaze upon the world in Orwellian fashion (see below).



[The TIA website was subsequently removed from the Internet](#) by the IAO in a belated attempt to quell public furor over such a widespread and warrantless surveillance of the public.

[TIPS](#) was developed in 2002 in an attempt to get fearful post-9/11 Americans to spy on one another. It came under intense scrutiny in July of 2002 when the *Washington Post* alleged in an editorial that the program was vaguely defined.

The program's website implied that US workers who had access to private citizens' homes, such as cable installers and telephone repair workers, would be reporting on what was in people's homes if it was deemed "suspicious."

Operation TIPS was accused of doing an "end run" around the United States Constitution. The original wording of the website was subsequently changed. President Bush's Attorney General, John Ashcroft, denied that private residences would be surveilled by private citizens operating as government spies.

Mr. Ashcroft nonetheless defended the program, equivocating on whether the reports by citizens on fellow citizens would be maintained in government databases. While saying that the information would not be in a central database as part of Operation TIPS, he maintained that the information would still be kept in databases by various police agencies.

The databases were an explicit concern of civil liberties groups (on both the left and the right) who felt that such databases could include false information about citizens with no way for those citizens to know that such information was compiled about them, nor any way for them to correct the information, nor any way for them to confront their accusers.

[MATRIX](#) is the Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange. [Although some privacy advocates said the program is dead](#) due to lack of funding, the criminal misuse and misallocation of US funds in Iraq make it possible for the NSA to easily re-fund this program covertly.



"Experts" Debate Bush's Use of Executive Powers

By TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON -- President Bush has made broad use of his executive powers: authorizing warrantless wiretaps, collecting telephone records on millions of Americans, holding suspected terrorists overseas without legal protections. His administration even is considering using the military to patrol the U.S. border.

Congress is on notice from the president that he will not enforce parts of legislation he believes interfere with his constitutional authority.

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These are extraordinary times, for sure, and the president says he is acting to safeguard the country. But Democrats and some Republicans, along with human rights activists and legal scholars, suggest Bush has gone too far in stretching presidential powers.

"I do think the president has pushed the envelope," said Georgetown University political scientist Stephen J. Wayne. "He seems so determined for another act of terrorism not to occur on his watch that he has forgotten the constitutional protections that most Americans value as highly as they value their security."

Bush is using a variety of techniques and strategies to maximize his power - at the expense of Congress, some say. It's a course, critics suggest, that both he and Vice President Dick Cheney have pursued since they took office in January 2001.

Administration officials insist they have acted within constitutional limits, citing added flexibility that comes during a time of war.

The disclosure last week that the NSA is building a data base of domestic telephone numbers has touched off an intense debate about whether the administration and phone companies are undermining people's privacy rights.

Expressions of concern came from some prominent Republicans, including House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, and added to earlier questions about the NSA's domestic eavesdropping program.

These once-covert programs pose potential trouble for the president's nomination of Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden to be CIA director. Hayden oversaw both programs as NSA director from 1999-2005.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, says his committee will scrutinize Hayden's role in both the NSA's phone data bank and the eavesdropping program.

Former CIA Director Stansfield Turner is among those critical of the administration's eavesdropping program and Hayden's oversight: "I'm concerned that he had a role in wiretapping American telephones without warrants. I interpret that, if it happened, as against the law. Apparently, the president and others interpret it otherwise," said Turner, who was CIA chief in the Carter administration.

In projecting his powers widely, Bush has made extensive use of statements that accompany the signing of a bill into law. These statements claim a presidential prerogative not to enforce parts of the legislation that he deems to encroach on executive authority. He has issued hundreds of such statements.

Among provisions he has challenged is a requirement to give detailed reports to Congress about his use of the Patriot Act and about a ban on torture.

"The president apparently believes, based on a number of recent statements and policy directives, that anything he approves is automatically legal," said Stephen Cimbala, a Pennsylvania State University professor who studies national security issues.

Because Bush has not vetoed any bill sent to him, Congress has not had the chance to challenge such pre-emptive assertions of presidential authority.

"It undercuts the whole legislative process of veto and override," said James Steinberg, deputy national security adviser in the Clinton

White House. He said Clinton issued such signing statements, but only rarely.

"Concentrating that kind of authority in one person is dangerous," said Steinberg, now dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt both suspended various constitutional protections, claiming all-consuming wars as the reason.

President Kennedy drew criticism for ordering the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He blamed the disaster on poor planning and lack of reliable intelligence from the CIA, just as the Bush White House would do when U.S. forces failed to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

President Nixon was accused of widespread abuse of the Constitution in the Watergate scandal that forced him to resign rather than face certain impeachment.

Human rights leaders continue to decry the treatment of detainees in U.S. prison camps in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and allegations of secret CIA-run prisons in Eastern Europe.

Criticism that the administration is undermining privacy rights of Americans has failed to generate wide opposition from the general public. In an ABC-Washington Post poll taken last Thursday, 63 percent of the 502 Americans asked said it was acceptable for the NSA to collect and analyze phone records "in an effort to identify possible terrorism suspects, without listening to or recording the conversations."

Carroll Doherty, associate director of the Pew Research Center, said in repeated polls taken since Sept. 11, 2001, "a solid plurality, around 50

percent" continues to say they would rather the government went too far in restricting civil liberties than not going far enough in protecting the country.

"There's a concern about terrorism that continues to this day. And, on balance, people are saying, 'protect us,'" said Doherty.

However, a Newsweek poll of 1,007 Americans taken last Thursday and Friday and released Saturday found that 53 percent believed the program "goes too far in invading people's privacy" while 41 percent found it "a necessary tool to combat terrorism." The Newsweek poll question said NSA "doesn't actually listen to the calls but logs in nearly every phone number" and referred to it as "this domestic surveillance program."



MINUTEMEN BETRAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT

[From AFP wire report]

The U.S. federal government has been informing the Mexican government about the location of the volunteer group Minutemen while they are on patrol along the U.S. border, reports The Canadian news organization *Daily Bulletin*. "Now we know why it seemed like Mexican officials knew where we were all the time," said Chris Simcox, founder of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. "It's unbelievable that our own government agency is sending intelligence to another country. They are sending intelligence to a nation where corruption runs rampant, and that could be getting into the hands of criminal cartels. They just basically endangered the lives of American people."



America Needs a Homeland Defense Program

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[Originally published at Sierra Times.com on Sept. 16, 2001]

We need a Homelands Defense Program. While we strive to recover and overcome this attack on the very things that make America great, we need to remember a few facts:

These terrorists have been in the country for years, preparing and training, waiting for their activation orders. FBI estimates indicate that over 50 people in the USA were involved in JUST this incident. With our basically unsecured borders (anyone who thinks that our borders are secured is only fooling himself), there may as well be 500 or even 5000 terrorists in the USA waiting activation orders.

Targets for terrorists abound in America. Fast-food restaurants, schoolyards, subways and trains, buses, terminals, and other public venues all represent killing grounds for bombers, hijackers, snipers, and other criminals.

Terrorists can also use chemical and biological weapons here in the USA if they exercise the operational control and discipline to achieve their goals, which they have already proved their capability on Tuesday the 11th. The plane crashes represent only one form of a "poor man's weapon of mass destruction".

The only thing a terrorist understands is a BULLET TO THE HEAD. You cannot

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negotiate with a dedicated terrorist; they do not value their own life let alone yours, and they would just assume take out as many people as they can before someone thwarts their schemes.

With these things in mind, the need and appropriateness for well-regulated volunteer citizen militias and for all law-abiding Americans to be armed is apparent. Americans MUST be always prepared to defend themselves, and that means not only a mindset of survival, but the tools of defense. With all our troops overseas, and with police busy with routine duties, the first responder in a terrorist incident is the citizen. This is not an appeal for vigilantism, or to condone the taking of the law into private hands. This is a common-sense precaution for a country that has been invaded by an invisible enemy.

Ironically, our Founding Fathers envisioned over 200 years ago that ALL citizens who are peaceable should carry arms for self-defense and the defense of their state. The "militia" as they believed was the WHOLE people. This is the way of things in Switzerland, whose national traditions of neutrality and citizen-soldiers has made this one of the least-invaded, lowest-crime, most free nations in the world.

People in America have abandoned their personal responsibilities to their nation for far too long. We should all each be involved in our government, our defense, and our communities. We have an

opportunity to undo our errors, let's not fail our fellow citizens again.

Specifically, I believe that CQB, firearms, NBC, and First Aid are some good places to start training. If a terrorist boards a train or bus and a militiaman is on it, he should be prepared to combat that terrorist, but only excellent marksmanship and specific antiterrorism skills will enable a favorable resolution.

One final note: Every state needs a well-organized citizens volunteer militia and a fully-developed defense program to meet their needs. Congressman Lawrence McDonald was President of the Western Goals Foundation, which published the "Swiss Report". The report's findings: return America to the citizen-militia system that we created and Switzerland adopted.

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Why Being on a Government Watch-List Doesn't Matter

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A fellow who was afraid to be known publicly as a patriot sent an email and asked the Webmaster, "How do I know that you're not a government agency making a list of all who oppose the NWO?"

The absurdity of that question should be obvious, especially for a public and open citizens' militia. We are real individuals from all walks of life. If you have read our official mission statement, you know that we oppose globalization and are

committed to the struggle for individual liberty.

But this gentleman's question was more about lists than about patriot websites, and since the government is monitoring everything anyway, let's dissect this fear once and for all. Too many people have been afraid of joining the militia for precisely the same reasons.

My response was:

Sir, if you are afraid of being put on a list then you need to do the following:

Get off the internet altogether; your browsing habits are monitored by the government. It is not from specific websites, but with web-wide surveillance technologies such as Carnivore & Omnivore, Echelon, Magic Lantern, and many other technologies that patriots surely have yet to discover.

Unplug your phone. If you have a phone account you are on a list. Same with pagers, cell phones, etc.

Shut off your utilities. If you have gas, electric or other utilities you are on a list. Get rid of your car. If you have a "registered motor vehicle" then you are on a list. Either use a bike or a horse or run the risk of getting pulled over for "operating a motor vehicle without registration". If that happens you will be put on a list of people who do not obey government. BAAAAAD!!!!

Get rid of your driver's license, this is well-documented to be a

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defacto national ID card, the ultimate "government list".

Get rid of your social security number. See above.

Sell your house. If you own a house you are on a list. Tax rolls tell the government who is being compliant.

Get rid of your guns. If you bought a gun from a dealer, you filled out something called a "Form 4473". This means you are on the government's list of who is armed and capable of resistance.

Quit your church. If you belong to a 501-c-3 church the government has you on a list. They hate Christians.

Surrender your credit cards and your bank accounts; Use only cash. The government spies on you through banking regulations that mandate the banks report all your financial activity. Cards allow the government to track your purchases. That is a list!

If you filed bankruptcy in the past 10 years, you are on a list!

Do not register to vote. That is a list.

Turn in your library card, your "Blockbuster Video" card, your National Rifle Association card, and anything else to which you may belong. These are all lists.

Finally, you must always wear a mask over your face. If you cannot tolerate wearing anything on your face, then cut your face

off. Big Brother government has put cameras on most streets in America, and when these cameras are connected to computers with a facial recognition template for every living human being in the world, thereby allowing instant recognition of a face within 5 seconds.

Remove your fingerprints from your fingers by burning them off. This is another form of identification similar to face-scanning technology. If you do not remove your fingerprints you will be put on a list - see below.

Don't be seen in public. If you are in public and a police officer sees you, he may arrest you "for suspicion", and demand to see your national ID card (oops, I meant driver's license). If you have no ID, they will fingerprint you and create a national ID file on you, unless you took the steps outlined above. In this case, they will scan your iris and your retina, and implant a "Digital Angel" biochip in your hand or head so they can track you.

In fact, don't go outside at all. If you are avoiding being seen in public, police may stop you anyway with the same results.

Don't stay at home. If you stay at home, the police will know exactly where you are and that's just as bad as being on a list.

So what difference does it make what list you are on? You cannot exist in this world without being on some kind of

list, *even if you're DEAD you are on a list!!*

So add to all this, *Don't get dead...*The government issues death certificates and maintains mortuary statistics after all...

Of course, we at the Indiana Militia Corps do not advocate the boldfaced actions listed above; they were deliberate absurdities. Those actions are the mindset of slaves. We are for freedom, not slavery. We do not worry about lists because it is obvious that everyone is already on many lists. Since this is the case, there is no reason why someone should be afraid to join the militia!

As you can see, the New World Order is already here and their final solution is almost in place. There is only one option left to free Americans, and that is to use the time you have left to prepare, quietly and unobtrusively, to resist with all your will. You may as well join your state militia, after all what difference is there in being on one more list? There will come a time soon when even the ability to resist will not avail you unless you are prepared to fight for your Rights; but instead consider the words of Winston Churchill:

"If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a small chance of survival. There may even be a worse case: you may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."



The Ghost from Valley Forge

I had a dream the other night I didn't understand, a figure walking through the mist with a flintlock in his hand.

His clothes were torn, and dirty, as he stood there by my bed, he took off his three-cornered hat, and speaking low he said:

We fought a revolution to secure our liberty; we wrote the Constitution as a shield from tyranny.

For future generations, this legacy we gave; in this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The freedom we secured for you, we hoped you'd always keep; but tyrants labored endlessly while your parents were asleep.

Your freedom gone - your courage lost - you're no more than a slave; in this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

You buy permits to travel, and permits to own a gun, permits to start a business, or to build a place for one.

On land that you believe you own, you pay a yearly rent, although you have no choice in choosing how the money's spent.

Your children must attend a school that doesn't educate; your moral values can't be taught, according to the state.

You read about the current news in a regulated press, you pay a tax you do not owe to please the IRS.

Your money is no longer made of silver or of gold; you trade your wealth for paper, so your life can be controlled.

You pay for crimes that make our Nation turn from God to shame. You've taken Satan's number; and traded in your name.

You've given government control to those who do you harm, so they can padlock churches, and steal the family farm.

And keep our country deep in debt, put men of God in jail, Harass your fellow countrymen while corrupted courts prevail.

Your public servants don't uphold the solemn oath they're sworn, your daughters visit doctors so children won't be born.

Your leaders ship artillery and guns to foreign shores, and send your sons to slaughter, fighting other people's wars!

Can you regain your freedom for which we fought and died? Or don't you have the courage, or the faith to stand with pride?

Are there no more values for which you'll fight to save? ...Or do you wish your children live in fear, and be a slave?

Sons of the Republic, arise, and take a stand! Defend the Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land!

Preserve our Republic, and each God-given right! And pray to God to keep the torch of freedom burning bright!

As I awoke he vanished, in the mist from whence he came, His words were true, we are not free, we have ourselves to blame.

For even now as tyrants trample each God-given right, We only watch and tremble, too afraid to stand and fight.

If he stood by your bedside in a dream while you were asleep, and wonder what remains of your rights he fought to keep;

What would be your answer if he called out from the grave? Is this still the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

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