This National Security Agency chart shows the varied sources of 103 “accesses” to communications or computers collected in a single week in 2009 at the N.S.A.’s big station in San Antonio, Texas.

**Conventional**  Intercept of radio communications.

**SSO**  Special Source Operations, N.S.A.’s term for information collected from private companies, including Internet, telephone and fiber-optic cable providers.

**FISA**  FISA Amendments Act, the law authorizing the N.S.A. to collect information from the big Internet companies.

**TAO**  Tailored Access Operations, the N.S.A. division that does computer hacking.

**Fornsat**  Intercept of foreign communications satellites.

**Overhead**  Eavesdropping from American spy satellites.

**SCS**  Special Collection Service, which dispatches N.S.A. and C.I.A. officers under cover to eavesdrop from 80 American embassies and consulates overseas.

**2nd/3rd Party**  Information received from friendly foreign intelligence services. “2nd parties” are the other four members of the Five Eyes coalition, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand; “3rd parties” are all other countries.