Look Out For Falling Redactions

Der Spiegel published 54 documents this week, and Information, in cooperation with The Intercept published five more. This was a remarkable disclosure of new and important information regarding the NSA. Some of the redactions were unsuccessful, the primary reason they failed is that existing information had been published previously. Though not always, in one case a person who had seen the unredacted document told his followers what had been hidden. The one real technical failure was the target list, most of the images remained quite identifiable, even sans face.

Wait, you thought Der Spiegel released only 53 documents? So did they. It turns out there is an Easter Egg, a nine page listing of German SIGADs. I'd recommend saving this link before they realize. Or maybe they just forgot to link to it.

For further reading, see: http://cryptome.org/2014/01/nsa-redaction-fails.pdf

2014, Paul Dietrich (Twitter: @paulmd199)
In the latest batch of PRISM slides, the functions of three OPIs (Office of Primary Interest) were redacted. The reason for the redaction is as mystifying as it is futile, as their functions are already known from multiple public sources. S2A focuses on South Asia, S2B is China, Korea and Taiwan, and S2H is for Russia, all of whom are rival nations, it is not a secret that we spy on them, nor that they spy on us too.
In a recent blog post, Matthew M. Aid described curious deletions from this document. It is worth noting that he claims to have seen the unredacted original. Germany is worried about Europeans traveling to Syria and joining the Jihad.

### US Sites with NSA Personnel in Germany

Deleted sites include:
- U.S. Navy listening post at Todendorf on the Baltic Sea
- U.S. Army HF direction-finding site at Flensburg in Schleswig-Holstein
- U.S. Army listening post at the Gablingen Kaserne outside the city of Augsburg
- U.S. Air Force ELINT station at Hof located at the nexus of the German and Czech borders
- NSA MAROON ARCHER remote intercept site at Bad Aibling Station

Matthew M. Aid's blog continues listing some of the deleted sites, and points out that they are unclassified.
The answer is always terrorism. Igbo is spoken primarily in Nigeria, and claims some 25 million speakers, it was not mentioned in the Black Budget as a language the NSA had employed a large number of speakers of, therefore it is reasonable to accept help from governments who are capable. Nigeria is the home to several terrorist groups, including the infamous Boko Haram group (their target is probably some other terrorist). This is from a 2013 information paper describing NSA/BND cooperation.

One of the presentations released by Der Spiegel list some of the targets of surveillance who have wound up in reports. Despite the redactions of faces, many targets are still quite identifiable. Hugo Chavez (#1) is recognizable by his shirt and watch, Wikipedia was using the same photo of Raul Reyes (#4) on his page, and of course #3 is Kim Jong-il. All of the above are dead. The 2nd row probably includes Vladimir Putin (cleverly disguised as Vlad the Impaler), Alexander Lukachenko and Silvio Berlusconi, though there is some uncertainty.

I'd like to thank George Mashke and “Rufo” for their help with these. If anybody has further ideas on the remainder, especially if they can locate the actual images, drop me a line.
Sometimes I wonder why they bother, the FAQ was released June 8 of last year, fully unredacted. What's the pressing need to redact the word “here?” It's an image, the link doesn't go anywhere. The second redaction is also puzzling, FLAWMILL is apparently some internal bug-reporting tool, it doesn't sound like it'd be super sensitive. On second thought, maybe it lists all the unpatched vulnerabilities of all the NSA's stuff.