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Today, 29 June 2015, WikiLeaks continues "Espionnage Élysée", our ongoing publication of a collection of TOP SECRET documents from United States surveillance operations against France.

Today's publication comprises seven top secret documents detailing how the US has had a decade-long policy of economic espionage against France, including the interception of all French corporate contracts and negotiations valued at more than $200 million. The documents demonstrate that the US National Security Agency, far from being a rogue organisation, is carrying out an economic espionage policy created by the US Director of National Intelligence. The documents detail the intelligence process, from the tasking of the NSA with collection of desired economic information to the production of developed intelligence reports, which are sent to "Supported Elements" of the US government, including the US Department of Commerce, the US Trade Representative, the US Treasury and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Central within the cache of documents are two long-term spying orders ("collection requirements") which define the kinds of intelligence the NSA is tasked with collecting in its surveillance operations against France. The documents make clear that the NSA has been tasked with obtaining intelligence on all aspects of the French economy, from government policy,
diplomacy, banking and participation in international bodies to infrastructural
development, business practices and trade activities. The documents establish
that the US economic intelligence operations against France have run for more
than a decade and started as early as 2002. Some of the documents are
authorised for sharing with the "Five Eyes" partners – the group of Anglophone
countries in close intelligence co-operation with the United States: Canada,
New Zealand, Australia and France's fellow member state of the European
Union, the United Kingdom, strongly suggesting that the United Kingdom has
also benefited from the United States' economic espionage activities against
France.

The cache also includes five TOP SECRET intelligence summaries from US
spying on the conversations and communications of French officials. The
documents show US spying on the French Finance Minister, a French Senator,
officials within the Treasury and Economic Policy Directorate, the French
ambassador to the United States, and officials with direct responsibility for EU
trade policy. The intercepts reveal internal French deliberation and policy on
the World Trade Organization, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, the
G7 and the G20, the 2013 French budget, the decline of the automotive
industry in France, and the involvement of French companies in the Oil for
Food programme in Iraq during the 1990s.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said: "The United States has been
conducting economic espionage against France for more than a decade. Not
only has it spied on the French Finance Minister, it has ordered the interception of every French company contract or negotiation valued at more than $200 million. That covers not only all of France's major companies, from BNP Paribas, AXA and Credit Agricole to Peugeot and Renault, Total and Orange, but it also affects the major French farming associations. $200 million is roughly 3,000 French jobs. Hundreds of such contracts are signed every year. The United States not only uses the results of this spying itself, but swaps these intercepts with the United Kingdom. Do French citizens deserve to know that their country is being taken to the cleaners by the spies of supposedly allied countries? Mais oui!"

For French-language interviews/comment regarding Espionnage Élysée please contact WikiLeaks' Paris-based legal advisor, Juan Branco: Tel. +33 671 19 21 47
National SIGINT Requirements List:
Information Need (IN) - France: Economic Developments

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Description
This classified US intelligence "Information Need" spying order mandates long term economic espionage against France in order to obtain details about the economic activities of French companies and the economic policies and decisions of the French government. Information Needs (IN) are collection requirements extracted from the National SIGINT Requirements List, and are used to broadly justify the interception of communications in order to satisfy generic intelligence demands from U.S. policy makers and the U.S. Intelligence Community. This IN, identified as 2002-204 (first created in 2002 and updated for more than a decade) and referenced in the list of Top NSA French Targets previously published by WikiLeaks, shows which particular information of interest ("Essential Elements of Information", EEI) the relevant Signals Intelligence units are instructed to collect and report about. Such requirements include France's economic relations with the United States, other countries and international institutions, France's financial and trade policies, and its views on G-8 and G-20 agendas. "Supported Elements" are those parts of the US government which are supported by (i.e receive intelligence reports derived from) the espionage.
IN Standard Report: S-C-2002-204

Title: (S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL) France: Economic Developments

Originator Classification: SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL

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(U//FOUO) Supported Element(s):

CIA
COMMERCE
DHS
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DIA/OSR-2
DIA/USEUCOM
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD
STATE/INR
TREASURY
US TRADE REP
DOE/IN
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Description
This US economic espionage order ("Essential Elements of Information) for France instructs US spies to collect information on all French sales and financing of significant projects related to telecommunications, electrical generation, gas, oil, nuclear and renewable energy and environmental and healthcare technologies. Most substantially it also mandates the interception and reportage of all French company negotiations and contracts valued at over $200 million. The results of the spying are to be reported to various US trade, political and intelligence agencies ("Supported Elements").
EEI : H

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EEI Title : (U//FOUO) Foreign Contracts/Feasibility Studies/Negotiations

Question(s) :

1. (S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL) Report impending French contract proposals or feasibility studies and negotiations for international sales or investments in major projects or systems of significant interest to the foreign host country or $200 million or more in sales and/or services, including financing information or projects of high interest including:

   A. Information and telecommunications facilities networks and technology?

   B. Electric power, natural gas, and oil facilities and infrastructure to include nuclear power and renewable energy generation?

   C. Transportation infrastructure and technology to include ports, airports, high-speed rail, and subways?

   D. Environmental technologies used domestically and for export?

   E. Health care infrastructure, services, and technologies, including biotechnology developments?