## Spy games and the U.S. National Security Agency

The NSA has a triple mission – to break codes, secure data, and collect signals intelligence (SIGINT)

Stated vision: **Global** cryptologic dominance

Founded: 1952 Employees: 37,000 (est) Budget: \$10.8 billion



Gen. Keith Alexander:
Director of NSA's five main operational directorates, administrative directorates and operational centres.
Also commander of Defence Department's U.S. Cyber Command and Central Security Service – military signals and cyber intelligence units

#### Foreign Affairs Directorate

Interacts with foreign intelligence and counter-intelligence services

#### Information Assurance Directorate

Build and defend Global Information Grid. Generation of codes used on GIG

#### Research Directorate

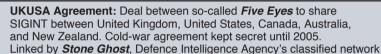
Code breaking and how best to penetrate global telecom infrastructure

### Technical Directorate

Responsible for infrastructure and multi-layer security systems of NSA

## Signals Intelligence Directorate

Majority of NSA employees work in SID, collecting SIGINT from priority targets and waging offensive cyberwar





Key programmes

**Tempora:** Joint programme operated by British secret service agency **GCHQ** and NSA to monitor global internet and telephone connections **Echelon:** Five Eyes' programme to monitor Soviet Union SIGINT. Allegedly also used by United States for industrial espionage

# Priority targets



Russia

Iran

Cuba

Syria

Pakistan

Third parties: Five Eyes share SIGINT with NATO members and other strategic allies



Friends: States that share mutual interests but are not formal allies



According to leaked documents, mass surveillance programmes such as *Prism* are used by *SID* to monitor calls and capture content of millions of foreign citizens' emails and phone calls.

Targets allegedy include German Chancellor *Angela Merkel* and presidents of Brazil, France and Mexico

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