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General interest

[JYA](#)

This site contains numerous documents on Echelon and the National Security Agency (NSA).

[Statewatch](#)

Statewatch magazine monitors state and civil liberties in the European Union.

[GILC](#)

The Global Internet Liberty Campaign works to protect basic information rights-free expression, access to public information and the protection of private life.

[EPIC](#)

The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) has filed a law suit to obtain further information on the legal standards by which Echelon operates.

- To see EPIC's press release, click [here](#).
- For more media coverage, click [here](#).

[ACLU Cyber-Liberties Page](#)

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has extensive information about freedom on the Internet.

[Duncan Campbell page](#)

Mr. Campbell was the author of "Intelligence Capabilities 2000", and has investigated Echelon's activities for decades.

[Echelon Research Resources](#)

Patrick Poole, who is the Deputy Director of the Center for Technology Policy (a division of the Free Congress Foundation), has compiled an extensive listing of materials concerning ECHELON.

[ECHELON: How it Works](#)

Mario Profaca, a Croatian investigative journalist, has a collection of press reports about ECHELON on his website.

[Disinformation](#)

Disinformation, Inc., a New York based firm, has compiled an extensive dossier of ECHELON related websites.

[Echelon Online: Connaître le réseau Echelon](#)

This website includes a history of ECHELON along with other useful information, including a glossary and numerous photographs. In French (Francais).

Documents

EP Temporary Committee Final Resolution

A European Parliament investigatory committee has issued a Final Resolution regarding possible ECHELON abuses. The voting on the resolution is scheduled to occur in plenary session sometime in the fall of 2001.

- [Text of Final Resolution](#)
- [Minority Report #1 \(Turco\)](#)
- [Minority Report #2 \(Schroeder\)](#)

EP Temporary Committee Draft Report

In this document, a panel of European Parliament representatives suggest that ECHELON does indeed exist, but question the system's capabilities.

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- [PDF format](#)

[Map of Echelon network](#)

This German language map, courtesy of [FAS](#), shows the location of Echelon bases around the world.

Intelligence Capabilities 2000

This report to the European Parliament was written by Duncan Campbell, and describes ECHELON activities in great detail. Intelligence Capabilities 2000 is one of a [series](#) of reports on the "Development of surveillance technology and risk of abuse of economic information".

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- [PDF format](#)

Intelligence Capabilities 2000 is one of a series of reports on the "Development of surveillance technology and risk of abuse of economic information." The following reports are in PDF format.

- [Presentation of the four studies and Analysis: Data protection and human rights in the European Union and the role of the European Parliament.](#)
- [Encryption and cryptosystems in electronic surveillance: a survey of the technology assessment issues.](#)
- [The legality of the interception of electronic communications: a concise survey of the principal legal issues and instruments under international, European and national law.](#)
- [The perception of economic risks arising from the potential vulnerability of electronic commercial media to interception.](#)

[Legal Standards for the Intelligence Community in Conducting Electronic Surveillance](#)

The U.S. government issued this report on the legal basis for ECHELON and similar activities. The report included several appendices; the declassified versions are available below.

- [U.S. Signals Intelligence Directive 18](#)
- [Attorney General Guidelines](#)
- ["Department of Defense Activities that May Affect U.S. Persons"](#)

NSA aids on USSID 18

The National Security Agency has published the following materials which describe its intelligence procedures with regards to United States Signals Intelligence Directive 18.

- [NSA Guide to USSID 18](#)
- [NSA USSID 18 Contextual Identifications Memo](#)
- [NSA manual on handling information on U.S. citizens](#)

["An Appraisal of Technologies of Political Control" -- Scientific and Technological Options Assessment \(STOA\)](#)

This document was one of the first reports to the European Parliament that described Echelon activities and possible improprieties.

[Sandia Intelligent Agent Program](#)

Sandia National Laboratories (a division of United States Department of Energy) has developed "Intelligent Agent" software that scans for "unusual" computer activity. Once detected, this surveillance program can automatically shutdown machines that engaged in such behavior.

[National Security Archives](#)

This research institute is based at George Washington University, and is dedicated to collecting and publishing declassified documents. They have recently uncovered several U.S. Government papers which apparently confirm the existence of ECHELON and describe its structure. Read the documents and decide for yourself by clicking below.

- [History of the Air Intelligence Agency](#)
- [NAVSECGRU INSTRUCTION C5450.48A](#)

[Voice Recognition Technology](#)

Some reports have suggested that ECHELON may be able to seek out telephone calls on a particular subject using sophisticated speech pattern recognition software. U.S. Patent 5,937,422 describes how such a program might work.

[U.S. Patent No. 5, 418, 951](#)

ECHELON also purportedly uses a special type of search engine to find pertinent material. This patent contains more details on this technology.

[NSA Technical Description](#)

The U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) has published a technical description of ECHELON-type information sorting and retrieval systems.

[European Parliament minutes-1999](#)

The European Parliament discussed ECHELON in the autumn of 1999. See

this website for more details.

Press coverage

[Business 2.0](#)

This article describes some new devices that may enhance ECHELON's capabilities, including robot spy planes and improved spectrum analyzers.

[CNN](#)

CNN has done an in-depth 5 part report on the NSA's workings.

[60 Minutes](#)

This television news magazine aired a segment about ECHELON ON Sunday, February 27, 2000.

ZDNet

ZDNet recently issued a special series of articles on both Echelon and its French counterpart.

- [Echelon: How it works](#)
- [Echelon: The evidence](#)
- [Echelon: Proof of its existence](#)
- [Echelon: The French fight back](#)
- [Echelon fears could force new laws for America](#)
- [Frenchelon-France has nothing to envy in Echelon](#)

BBC

The BBC documented [accusations from the French government](#) that ECHELON is being used to conduct economic espionage. It also recently received [confirmation](#) from a high-ranking Australian intelligence official that ECHELON exists.

A later [article](#) describes advances in various ECHELON-related surveillan technologies, including laser microphones.

The BBC also had extensive coverage of the European Parliament's temporary committee, including the panel's [recommendations](#) regarding th use of encryption software to defeat ECHELON-type monitoring.

The New York Times (registration required)

The New York Times recently ran a [front page article](#) about the latest ECHELON revelations. It also printed a [second news item](#) which describe: how ECHELON works.

Washington Post

The Washington Post has published several articles on signals intelligence. One article describes two programs that may be used to enhance ECHELON's capabilities: [Oasis & Fluent](#). Another article describes the [evolution and weaknesses](#) of the U.S. National Security Agency.

[The San Francisco Chronicle](#)

This front-page article describes the European Parliament's heated discussions about ECHELON.

[New Yorker](#)

This article from the *New Yorker* magazine suggests some of NSA's failing

Ekstra Bladet

The Danish newspaper *Ekstra Bladet* has published a series of articles about ECHELON whistleblowers. The [original articles](#) in Danish; [English translations](#) are available.

[Bulletin of Atomic Scientists](#)

A recent article by Jeffrey Richelson describes the cloud of uncertainty around ECHELON's abilities.

Surveillance Society: Exposing Echelon

The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) has published a two-part report about ECHELON on their website. [Part I](#) gives general background information on ECHELON activities. [Part II](#) profiles Mike Frost, a former Canadian spy who is one of the only insiders to speak openly about this global surveillance system.

[NSA: "We Won't Spy on You"](#)

NSA recently claimed it would not spy on American citizens. Read this news item from Reuters and decide for yourself.

[America's Secret Global Surveillance Network](#)

Patrick Poole has written one of the most comprehensive reports on ECHELON to date.

The Sunday Times

This [opinion piece](#) suggests that, due to ECHELON and other surveillance systems, the "British public is now the most spied-upon, pruned-upon population in the free world."

[Spies like US](#)

Simon Davies' article in the *Electronic Telegraph* notes that ECHELON's surveillance of private citizens is cause for concern.

[Secret Power](#)

Secret Power, written by Nick Hager, documents New Zealand's involvement in Echelon activities.

[Somebody's listening](#)

This 1988 article in the *New Statesman* was the first press report on ECHELON.

[Canada a key snooper in global spy network](#)

This article from the *Ottawa Citizen* points out Canada's role in ECHELON and the UKUSA alliance.

[Overloading Big Brother](#)

The *Village Voice* has done several articles on ECHELON; this is their latest report.

[Did EU Scuttle Echelon Debate?](#)

This news item from Wired speaks of possible European Union reluctance

to investigate ECHELON.

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