



PANOPTYKON FOUNDATION

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Barack Obama

President of the United States of
America

Dear Mr President,

I am writing on behalf of Polish non-governmental organization – Panoptykon Foundation. Our aim is to promote and defend human rights in surveillance society both in Poland and in the European Union. We analyse and expose problems related to the use of modern technology as a tool of surveillance.

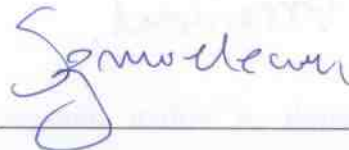
After Edward Snowden published his revelations, particular threats related to the use of internet services and other forms of electronic communication became a focal point of surveillance-related public debate. At the same time citizens' access to impartial information about how intelligence agencies collect and exchange their personal data remains very limited. We believe that increasing the amount of publically available information about electronic surveillance should be seen as a pre-condition of effective reform as well as the first step to rebuild trust between citizens and their governments.

With this perspective in mind, we kindly ask you to reveal more information about possible impact of U.S. mass surveillance programmes on Polish citizens and cooperation between Polish and U.S. intelligence agencies. In particular, we would like to know answers to the following questions:

- Is there an agreement (regardless of the name) between Polish security services and American National Security Agency regarding mutual transfers of telecommunication data?
- Has the National Security Agency obtained any personal data of Polish citizens from Polish intelligence agencies, in particular from the Internal Security Agency (Agencja Bezpieczeństwa Wewnętrznego)?
- Has the National Security Agency obtained personal data of Polish Prime Minister

- Donald Tusk or President - Bronisław Komorowski, or other former Polish heads of government or heads of state?
- Has U.S. Ambassador in Warsaw or other U.S. government official informed Polish Prime Minister - Donald Tusk or President - Bronisław Komorowski about the existence of PRISM programme?
- Has U.S. government offered access to PRISM or XKeyscore programme to any of Polish intelligence agencies?

Yours Sincerely,



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