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Dear Errol,

Having seen recent references to Echelon I thought some List members might be interested in the following article and link from NETSURFER DIGEST Volume 04, Issue 33:

ECHELON: America's Secret Global Surveillance Network That's the title of a new report about the extensive electronic surveillance network run by the National Security Agency. The system can reportedly intercept, record, and translate any electronic communication anywhere. It's not hard. The network consists of intercept stations all over the world which capture all satellite, microwave, cellular, and fiber-optic communications traffic, then process this information with huge computer facilities. The computers employ pattern matching, voice recognition, and optical character recognition to look for specific phrases and flag interesting messages for further analysis. The network remains pretty secret, but over the years journalists and researchers have pieced together details. This work clearly supports the privacy/liberty perspective as it spotlights the scary spook stuff.

<http://www.freecongress.org/ctp/echelon.html>

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