

I CONFESS: AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Dear NSA,

I've just learned how hard and long you are all working to gather information about everything that Americans say on the phone and over the internet. Knowing how much you need this information to protect us against terrorists, and knowing that I myself (God forgive me) might have inadvertently done something to aid one, I feel bound to give you a full report on my recent phone calls and internet searches. I do so in the hopes that it may not only save you time in your unending quest for data on me, but also inspire all other true blue, red-blooded American Islamophobes to do likewise.

Yesterday, for instance, I spoke briefly on the phone with a casual acquaintance of a man whose sister-in-law once dated the second cousin of a guy who was recently seen buying a copy of the latest issue of *Rolling Stone*: you know--the one with Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the Boston bomber, on the cover? Now *there's* a piece of data for you!

Furthermore, during the past week I have accessed porn sites no less than 243 (that's two hundred and forty-three, count 'em) times. And one of those sites showed the bare-breasted figure of a woman who looked to me as if she could easily have fitted into a suicide vest. I warn you, NSA: that woman needs watching.

I must also confess that I have read every word I can find on the net and in print about the documents leaked by that nefarious fugitive named Edward Snowden. While I realize that he has grossly misrepresented the heroic work you are doing, while he has falsely accused you of spying on all of us, invading our privacy, and thus shredding our Constitutional right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures, I wanted to see for myself just how wicked Mr. Snowden was. But having read about

his would-be “disclosures” of documents that he undoubtedly fabricated all by himself, I now realize that I may have been somehow infected by his poisonous distrust of you. If you can recommend an antidote for this poison, I beg you to do so.

Yours respectfully,

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