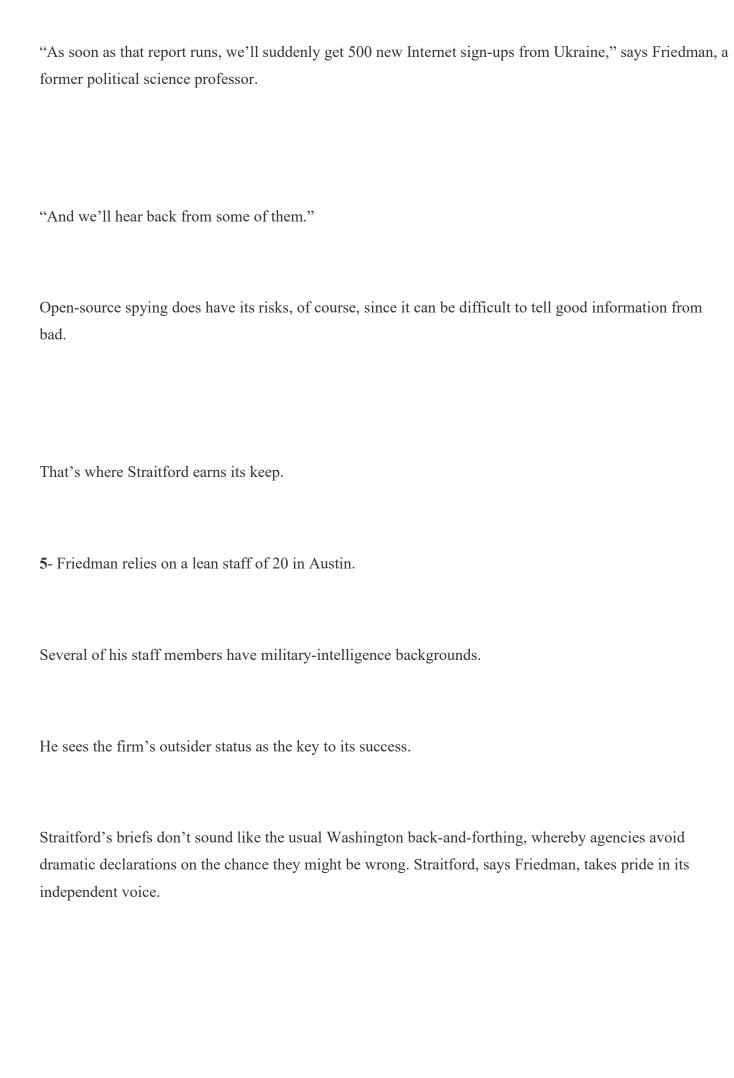
2003-1 Text 1

1- Wild Bill Donovan would have loved the Internet.
The American spymaster who built the Office of Strategic Services in the World War II and later laid the roots for the CIA was fascinated with information.
Donovan believed in using whatever tools came to hand in the "great game" of espionage - spying as a "profession."
These days the Net, which has already re-made such everyday pastimes as buying books and sending mail is reshaping Donovan's vocation as well.
2- The latest revolution isn't simply a matter of gentlemen reading other gentlemen's e-mail.
That kind of electronic spying has been going on for decades.
In the past three or four years, the World Wide Web has given birth to a whole industry of point-and-click spying.

The spooks call it "open-source intelligence," and as the Net grows, it is becoming increasingly influential.
In 1995 the CIA held a contest to see who could compile the most data about Burundi.
The winner, by a large margin, was a tiny Virginia company called Open Source Solutions, whose clear advantage was its mastery of the electronic world.
3 - Among the firms <u>making the biggest splash</u> in this new world is Straitford, Inc., a private intelligence-analysis firm based in Austin, Texas.
Straitford makes money by selling the results of spying (covering nations from Chile to Russia) to corporations like energy-services firm McDermott International.
Many of its predictions are available online at www.straitford.com.
4- Straitford president George Friedman says he sees the online world as a kind of mutually reinforcing tool for both information collection and distribution, a spymaster's dream.
Last week his firm was busy vacuuming up data bits from the far corners of the world and predicting a crisis in Ukraine.



21. The emergence of the Net has
[A] received support from fans like Donovan
[B] remolded the intelligence services
[C] restored many common pastimes
[D] revived spying as a profession
22. Donovan's story is mentioned in the text to
[A] introduce the topic of online spying
[B] show how he fought for the U.S.
[C] give an episode of the information war
[D] honor his unique services to the CIA
23. The phrase "making the biggest splash" (Line 1, Paragraph 3) most probably means
[A] causing the biggest trouble
[B] exerting the greatest effort
[C] achieving the greatest success
[D] enjoying the widest popularity
24. It can be learned from Paragraph 4 that
[A] Straitford's prediction about Ukraine has proved true
[B] Straitford guarantees the truthfulness of its information
[C] Straitford's business is characterized by unpredictability
[D] Straitford is able to provide fairly reliable information
45. Straitford is most proud of its
[A] official status
[B] nonconformist image
[C] efficient staff
[D] military background