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Still , encrypting corporate communications is only a partial remedy .

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One expert , whose job is so politically sensitive that he spoke on condition that he would n't be named or quoted , said the expected influx of East European refugees over the next few years will greatly increase the chances of computer-maintenance workers , for example , doubling as foreign spies .

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Moreover , he said , technology now exists for stealing corporate secrets after they 've been " erased " from a computer 's memory .

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He said that Oliver North of Iran-Contra notoriety thought he had erased his computer but that the information was later retrieved for congressional committees to read .

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No personal computer , not even the one on a chief executive 's desk , is safe , this speaker noted .

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W. Mark Goode , president of Micronyx Inc. , a Richardson , Texas , firm that makes computer-security products , provided a new definition for Mikhail Gorbachev 's campaign for greater openness , known commonly as glasnost .

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Under Mr. Gorbachev , Mr. Goode said , the Soviets are openly stealing Western corporate communications .

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He cited the case of a Swiss oil trader who recently put out bids via telex for an oil tanker to pick up a cargo of crude in the Middle East .

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Among the responses the Swiss trader got was one from the Soviet national shipping company , which had n't been invited to submit a bid .

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The Soviets , eavesdropping paid off , however , because they got the contract .