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-----END PGP MESSAGE-----

You need a passphrase to unlock the secret key for  
user: "Sound & Vision"

4096-bit RSA key, ID C024D193, created 2013-01-13 (main key ID 56  
24DC20)

gpg: encrypted with 4096-bit RSA key, ID C024D193, created 2013-0  
1-13

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--- Start of PGP/Inline encrypted data ---

There is a private server hosting an encrypted archive you must download. The easiest way to retrieve the file is likely using the 'rsync' program.

Here is an example of an rsync command (run in the command-line terminal within tails... you may need to run this as the root user ).

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export RSYNC_RSH=ssh
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rsync -P ghost@216.66 :/var/ftp/astro_noise /YOUR/PREFERRED/  
LOCAL/DESTINATION/
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## Explanation:

The '-P' allows the download to resume by simply running the command again if you lose your connection partway through. 'ghost' is your username, and the @ symbol precedes the IP address of the server the file is hosted on. The colon after the IP address indicates the file on the remote server you seek to download. The next part, /YOUR/PREFERRED/ETC path designates where you want to store the file.

You will be asked for the password for the 'ghost' account.

If you cannot get rsync to work, you can also SSH to the server and get it by your preferred means using the username 'ghost' and the same password. The archive lives at the path /var/ftp/ and is named 'astro\_noise'

Once it is downloaded, you must verify that it matches the original. I recommend using 'md5sum' on your new copy to do so. Just type 'md5sum /PATH/TO/YOURFILENAME' and let it run. It will return a hexadecimal string, which is the file's md5 hash. The md5 hash of the original is b91f8f7a18ba400abb3e57268401f71e. If your copy hashes to the same value, you know they match.

This is important for an encrypted archive, because if a single bit is wrong, the entire thing will be unreadable. Make sure your copy matches.

After you have done this, simply be ready for the next contact.

Good luck. Thank you for your work thus far.

CITIZENFOUR

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a/Persistent/YearZero_Download -av  
ghost@216.66.          password:  
Could not chdir to home directory /home/ghost  
receiving incremental file list  
astro_noise  
      0%   170.67kB/s
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I publish the second story in the Washington Post, together with journalist Barton Gellman.

The Guardian reports on the same NSA program soon after.

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LP: If I could get you a camera, would you be able to film where you are?

ES: Not now. My hosts are very vulnerable people.

ES: I can't really speak out loud here.

LP: You can't?

ES: I don't want to get anybody's door kicked in

Glenn: what are your current thoughts about going to US?

LP: I wouldn't go now.

Glenn: and later?

LP: I don't know.

LP: What about you?

Glenn: I don't know

LP: there is a strong chance we'll be served with a subpoena if we go back

Glenn: For me, that's the best-case scenario

Glenn: we'll see

ES: How are things over there?

LP: I'm at the Guardian. They're publishing TEMPORA today

LP: they are very nervous - worried about an injunction.

ES: The NSA love that program.

LP: Why?

ES: Because they aren't allowed to do it in the US. The UK lets us query it all day long

LP: They are getting cold feet about publishing names of the telecoms collaborating

ES: Do they know the companies?

LP: Yes, I believe so.

ES: So i have news for you which won't be shocking

LP: ok, I'm here.

ES: The FBI has authorization to work with the CIA and a number of unnamed foreign partners - incl the UK - to team up in finding out my plans and the location of people in contact with me worldwide.

LP: where does this come from?

ES: All I can say is a reliable source.

ES: They've been tasked to use "all appropriate means" - incl. gov pressure "where appropriate" - to persuade media to refuse publication.

LP: Merkel story is happening. Still waiting for German gov. response.

ES: did you try calling the number?

LP: Not yet - don't want to tip hand

LP: I have a question on background: is it plausible that Merkel is referenced with her real name and not codename?

ES: Yes... Codenames are typically for assets, not targets

Glenn,

This should stay on an airgapped machine. There is a new submission.

We need to set up a code name for working on this.

We should be very careful this is not a set-up.

Laura