

I'm quite astonished, shocked, and appalled at this serious frontal assault on emerging American freedoms. The Clinton administration nor any other government agency has any legitimate role whatsoever in regulating cryptography. To do so is tantamount to regulating 'acceptable' speech, and is blatantly unconstitutional. Perhaps we should rename this year '1984' in honor of such an illustrious proposal. Let the Crappy Chip live in infamy, and the administration receive great shame and discredit for this bizarre misadventure.

I am outraged that my tax money is being used to develop technology to restrict my freedoms far beyond reasonable measures. The U.S. government will have my full uncooperation and disobedience on any serious threat to my liberties such as this, and I call on everyone with an interest in a sensible government to resist and defy this proposal. The administration does not seem to understand that they are merely a subservient instrument to implement the will of the public, and hence anyone involved in this proposal in this respect is wholly negligent and remiss in performing their lawful duty.

It seems to me that U.S. Diplomatic communications should be tappable by the U.N. whenever any countries produce a warrant to the U.N. In fact, I think we should stop paying the NSA billions of dollars a year to produce unbreakable codes for this reason.

These actions violate the sovereignty of international law. (I hope Mr. Clinton is shrewd enough to recognize my sarcasm and satire here.

But if he isn't, it's a modest and reasonable proposal, so he should find merit with it nevertheless.)

Cryptography is neutral technology. If everybody has strong cryptography (including policemen, bureaucrats, businessmen, housewives, thugs and hoodlums), we have a sustainable equilibrium. Anything less is an unworkable anti-egalitarian arrangement, intrinsically antithetical to American freedoms, and guaranteed to collapse under its own weight of inherent impracticality. We don't need to compromise on issues of freedom.

For too long our government has demonstrated itself to be increasingly hostile and a serious obstacle to economic vitality and protecting Americans.

It is not possible for the Federal Government to "act quickly" or develop "consistent, comprehensive policies" PERIOD. And even if by some grandiose miracle such a thing were possible, it would only be an efficient way to deprive American citizens of fundamental and inalienable rights.

The administration has to be committed to leaving private industries alone, esp. on this issue. The government has no legitimate role in regulating the content of communications.

Law enforcement agencies must be prepared to forfeit their surveillance bludgeon; they are soon and inevitably to be disarmed of it.

No such laws can be constitutionally sound, and this is equivalent to a veiled threat, which I don't appreciate. This kind of extortion tends to agitate me and others into radicalism. I will trade threats for threats, and violation for violation.

If the administration did say this, it would find itself impeached for reckless and outrageous disregard of essential, established, entrenched, and explicit constitutional privacy guarantees. The administration would have no legal standing whatsoever; such an action would be egregiously illegal and criminal, and wholly intolerated and disregarded by vast segments of the population.

The U.S., comprised of a vast majority of people fanatically committed to preserving their privacy in the face of an increasingly totalitarian government, is saying just that. Take your chips and give them to NSA employees as Christmas bonuses. We can run any algorithm on our computers we damn well please, and we will make any chips we please, and we will send any bit

pattern over our data highways we please. And if you try to stop us, you will be gradually or abruptly dissolved into nothingness.

[privacy vs. law enforcement]

This is an outright Dingaling Denning lie. The two aims of privacy and surveillance are intrinsically and fundamentally incompatible, and you have to work for the NSA to think otherwise. Americans are about to discover ways, through the use of technology, to preserve their inalienable but forgotten freedoms that have slowly been eroded away by an increasingly distant and unresponsive and *unrepresentative* government.

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