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## **GERMANY CARRIED OUT SURVEILLANCE ON EUROPEAN ALLIES AND VATICAN ON LARGE SCALE**

### **TARGETED MANY STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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**USPA NEWS** - Three weeks ago, news emerged that Germany's foreign intelligence service, the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), had systematically spied on friends and allies around the world. In many of those instances, the BND had been doing so of its own accord and not at the request of the NSA....

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Reports of German espionage activities directed against its allies are especially embarrassing for Chancellor Angela Merkel because of her government's angry reaction to former NSA contractor Edward Snowden's 2013 revelations that the NSA had carried out large-scale surveillance of U.S. allies, including tapping Merkel's cellphone...Germany's intelligence agencies have come in for criticism after news this year that they had indirectly helped the NSA spy on European companies such as the defense manufacturer Airbus. (Politico)

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