

New US Spying Allegations: Obama Knew that the NSA was Spying on Angela Merkel

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There are new questions over how much President Obama knew about US spying on Angela Merkel. A newspaper report says that the US leader has been aware of NSA eavesdropping on the German chancellor since 2010.

On Saturday, Spiegel magazine reported that the NSA's Special Collection Service (SCS) had listed Merkel's mobile telephone since 2002, beginning under the George W. Bush administration, and that it had remained on the list weeks before [Obama visited Berlin in June](#).

According to the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, Obama had told Merkel during a phone conversation on Wednesday that he had not known of the bugging. However, a report in Bild am Sonntag published Sunday cites an unnamed NSA official who said that the US leader instead ordered the program be escalated.

The newspaper reports that Obama knew that the NSA had been spying on Merkel's mobile phone since at least 2010, when NSA chief Keith Alexander personally informed him of the operation.

Read the complete article on DW.de

<http://www.dw.de/media-reports-suggest-obama-knew-nsa-spied-on-merkel/a-17185662>

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