

hier echter volgens de NSA om metadata. De NSA heeft hierover op 30 oktober jl., *Wau*
het volgende gemeld: *in*

"statement on articles in European press alleging large numbers of phone call metadata collected by NSA in France, Spain, Italy

The assertions by reporters in France (Le Monde), Spain (El Mundo) and Italy (L'Espresso) that NSA collected 10s of millions of phone calls are completely false. They cite as evidence screen shots of the results of a web tool used for data management purposes, but both they and the person who stole the classified data did not understand what they were looking at. The web tool counts metadata records from around the world and displays the totals in several different formats. The sources of metadata include data legally collected by NSA under its various authorities, as well as metadata provided to NSA by foreign partners. To be perfectly clear, this is not information that we collected on European citizens. It represents information that we and our NATO allies have collected in defense of our countries and in support of military operations."

Voor de volledigheid wijs ik er op dat deze verklaring overeenkomt met de verklaring die de directeur van de NSA generaal K. Alexander hierover onlangs in het Amerikaanse Congres heeft afgelegd.