PRISM/US-984XN
Overview

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The SIGAD Used Most in NSA Reporting
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Introduction
U.S. as World’s Telecommunications Backbone

• Much of the world’s communications flow through the U.S.
• A target’s phone call, e-mail or chat will take the cheapest path, not the physically most direct path – you can’t always predict the path.
• Your target’s communications could easily be flowing into and through the U.S.

International Internet Regional Bandwidth Capacity in 2011
Source: Telegeography Research
Current Providers

- Microsoft (Hotmail, etc.)
- Google
- Yahoo!
- Facebook
- PalTalk
- YouTube
- Skype
- AOL
- Apple

What Will You Receive in Collection (Surveillance and Stored Comms)?

It varies by provider. In general:

- E-mail
- Chat – video, voice
- Videos
- Photos
- Stored data
- VoIP
- File transfers
- Video Conferencing
- Notifications of target activity – logins, etc.
- Online Social Networking details
- Special Requests

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Dates When PRISM Collection Began For Each Provider

- **Microsoft**: 3/12/08
- **Yahoo**: 1/14/09
- **Google**: 6/3/09
- **Facebook**: 12/7/09
- **PalTalk**: 9/24/10
- **YouTube**: 2/6/11
- **Skype**: 3/31/11
- **AOL**: 2012 (added Oct 2012)
- **Apple**: (added Oct 2012)

**PRISM Program Cost**: ~ $20M per year