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1066/08 -----
Media - alerts

am Do, 04.09. um 00:30 Uhr im ZDF

Krieg im Namen des Friedens - Französische Soldaten in Afghanistan

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 Minuten (a)

Beschreibung: Seit 2001 kämpfen Soldaten einer internationalen Koalition in Afghanistan gegen den Terror. Sie wollen die Taliban in die Knie zwingen und den Menschen Frieden bringen. An vorderster Front stehen die Amerikaner, sie stellen 15.000 Mann. Doch auch 2000 französische Soldaten kämpfen in Afghanistan, bald werden es sogar knapp 3000 sein. Frankreichs Präsident Sarkozy hat Verstärkung für den Kampf gegen den Terror zugesagt, obwohl seine Geheimdienste daran zweifeln, dass dieser Krieg überhaupt gewonnen werden kann. Immer wieder geraten die Franzosen in Feuergefechte

und Hinterhalte. Monatelang haben zwei französische Journalisten die Truppen begleitet. Stephan Merseburger hat ihre Dokumentation für das deutsche Fernsehen bearbeitet.

am Fr, 05.09. um 01:15 Uhr im ZDF Dokukanal

Geheimauftrag Kidnapping

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 45 Minuten (b)

Im Kampf gegen den Terror wurden im Auftrag der USA in Zusammenarbeit mit europäischen Geheimdiensten und Agenten aus Ländern des Nahen Ostens und Nordafrikas Terrorverdächtige von CIA-Mitarbeitern gekidnappt und in Länder verschleppt, wo sie von örtlichen Geheimdiensten verhört und systematisch gefoltert wurden. Auch Polen und Rumänien sollen sich aktiv an dem amerikanischen "Rendition-Programm" beteiligt haben. Nachdem die illegalen Flüge der CIA und die geheimen Folter-Gefängnisse in Europa aufgedeckt wurden, verlegten die USA den Schwerpunkt ihrer Strategie nach Afrika.

am Fr, 05.09. um 23:15 Uhr auf DMax

Kuba - Alarmstufe Rot

Dokumentation

Dauer: 65 Minuten (c)

Beschreibung: Die Kuba-Krise - der Kalte Krieg zwischen den USA und der damaligen Sowjetunion erreicht im Oktober 1962 seinen dramatischen Höhepunkt. Für die Streitkräfte der beiden Supermächte gilt Alarmstufe Rot, denn die Welt steht am Rande eines Atomkriegs. Ausgelöst durch das globale Wettrüsten der beiden verfeindeten Blöcke hatte sich die Krise seit dem Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs immer weiter zugespitzt. Bis die Situation, bedingt durch die Stationierung sowjetischer Mittelstreckenraketen auf Kuba, zu eskalieren droht. Denn was der Ostblock unter der Führung Chruschtschows als Wiederherstellung des internationalen Gleichgewichts propagiert, empfinden die USA unter J. F. Kennedy als unannehmbare Provokation und Gefährdung der nationalen Sicherheit.

So, 07.09. um 23:40 Uhr im ZDF

Der 11. September - Das Geheimnis des dritten Turmes

Dauer: 45 Minuten (d)

Beschreibung: Er gilt als eines der letzten großen Geheimnisse des 11. September: der Einsturz von Gebäude 7 des World Trade Center. Von außen scheinbar kaum beschädigt, fällt das Hochhaus knapp sieben Stunden nach den beiden Zwillingsstürmen in sich zusammen, ohne dass es von einem Flugzeug getroffen wurde. Der Wolkenkratzer kollabiert in wenigen Sekunden, symmetrisch, "sauber" - als wäre er von Abbruch-Profis gezielt gesprengt worden. Gebäude 7, das dritthöchste Haus des World Trade Center Komplexes, hatte 47 Stockwerke und stand im Schatten der Zwillingstürme. Die Mieter: der Geheimdienst CIA, der Secret Service, das Verteidigungsministerium, die Börsenaufsicht und die Kommandozentrale der Stadt New York zur Abwehr von Terrorangriffen. Kurz nach dem Einsturz werden die Trümmer des Hochhauses entsorgt. Der Stahl wird eingeschmolzen. Bis heute, knapp sieben Jahre nach den Ereignissen vom 11. September 2001, gibt es keinen abschließenden Untersuchungsbericht zum Einsturz von World Trade Center 7.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-20796529>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-20605876>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-20613405>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-20623667>

1067/08

US: 2008 threat season heats up (from StratFor)

Summer brings with it **rumors of attacks on the U.S. homeland**. Currently, we are hearing unconfirmed word of plans in place for jihadists to be dispatched from Pakistan to conduct coordinated suicide attacks against soft **targets in as many as 10 U.S. cities**.

This year, the rumors seem to be emerging a little later and with a little less fanfare than last year, when we saw a number of highly publicized warnings, such as that from Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and a National Intelligence Estimate saying al Qaeda was gaining strength. Last year also brought warnings from a former Israeli counterterrorism official that al Qaeda was planning a simultaneous attack against five to seven American cities, and of a dirty bomb attack against New York.

These warnings were followed by the Sept. 7, 2007, release of a video message from Osama bin Laden, who had been unseen on video since October 2004 or heard on audiotape since July 2006. Some were convinced that his reappearance – and veiled threat – signaled a looming attack against the United States, or a message to supporters to commence attacks. (a)

However, in spite of all these warnings – and bin Laden's reappearance – **no attack occurred last summer** or autumn on U.S. soil. As we discussed last October, there are a number of reasons why such an attack did not happen. (b)

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2008/8/28/2008-threat-season-heats-up.html>
- (b) http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/summer_2007_attack_never_occurred

1068/08

Dutch intel: US to strike Iran in coming weeks



The Dutch intelligence service, the AIVD, has called off an operation aimed at infiltrating and sabotaging Iran's weapons industry due to an assessment that a US attack on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program is imminent, according to a report in the country's De Telegraaf newspaper on Friday.

The report claimed that the Dutch operation had been "extremely successful," and had been stopped because the US military was planning to hit targets that were "connected

with the Dutch espionage action." The impending air-strike on Iran was to be carried out by unmanned aircraft "within weeks," the report claimed, quoting "well placed" sources. (a-e)

- (a) <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1220186494776&pagina=JPost%2FJPostArticle%2FShowFull>
- (b) <http://www.infolive.tv/en/infolive.tv-28527-israelnews-dutch-government-pulls-intelligence-operatives-out-iran-preparation->
- (c) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/5159036/>
- (d) Original-Artikel De telegraf:
http://www.telegraaf.nl/binnenland/1796098/_Aanval_op_Iran_verwacht_.html?p=2,1

- (e) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/netherlands/2656680/Dutch-withdraw-spy-from-Iran-because-of-impending-US-attack.html>

1069/08 -----

Intelligence experts: Israeli embassies are new Hezbollah target

Israeli intelligence experts increasingly think Hezbollah is determined to attack an Israeli target - most likely **Israeli embassies** or officials **abroad**, especially in third-world countries - to avenge the assassination of one of Hezbollah's top leaders. Another, less likely, possibility is that Hezbollah will attempt to kidnap Israeli businessmen abroad.

Israeli military and security officials told Haaretz on Tuesday night it appears that Hezbollah wants to attack Israeli targets even though several previous attempts have failed.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1017553.html>

1070/08 -----

Why CIA Veterans Are Scared of McCain

Four years ago, the candidate called the CIA a "rogue organization"; now he's advised by a former Chalabi promoter and Agency basher. No wonder the spooks are spooked. "**McCain would be an absolute disaster**," says a second recently retired senior US intelligence operations officer. "He is prejudiced against the CIA. The day after the 2004 election when Bush won, McCain came on TV and gave an interview in which he said something to the effect of, 'The CIA tried to sabotage this election. They've made their bed and now they have to lay in it.' I used to like McCain, but he is inconsistent." Columnist Robert Novak quoted McCain in November 2004 as saying, "With CIA leaks intended to harm the re-election campaign of the president of the United States, it is not only dysfunctional but a rogue organization."

McCain is influenced by a circle of hardline Republican legislators and congressional staff as well as disgruntled former Agency officials "who all had these long-standing grudges against people in the Agency," the former senior intelligence officer said. "They think the CIA is a hotbed of liberals. Right-wing, nutty paranoia stuff. They all love the military and hate the CIA. Because the CIA tells them stuff they don't want to hear."

http://www.motherjones.com/washington_dispatch/2008/08/why-cia-veterans-are-scared-of-mccain.html

1071/08 -----

US transferred foreign detainees for interrogation

The US military secretly has sent more than 200 foreign detainees captured in Iraq and Afghanistan to be interrogated in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other countries over the past few years, The New York Times reported Thursday. The daily wrote that the program bears many similarities to one run since the September 11, 2001 terror attacks by the Central Intelligence Agency. That program also secretly transferred people suspected of being militants back to their home countries to be jailed and questioned. The Times cited as its source for the story "interviews with more than a dozen current and former American military, intelligence and foreign policy officials, some of whom would speak only on condition of anonymity."

http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5iw-x9y3FJN_PiWwK91TMHb3IIcZA

1072/08

US: Case studie in Counter-Intelligence

There are entities who exploit modern freedom of contact not to advance our common cause, but to position themselves for personal, economic, ideological, or nationalistic gain to the detriment of U.S. national interests. It is a simple reality that foreign intelligence services, non-state sponsored entities and even foreign corporations attempt to use contacts to acquire sensitive information, exploit personal or systemic vulnerabilities, disrupt our progress, or gain an illicit advantage. This exploitation undermines our national security and economic interests in general, and specifically, undermine the core mission of the Department of Defense: to provide the military force needed to deter war and to protect the security of our country and our citizens.

These attempts to acquire information can be direct, obvious, and easily recognized as something that needs to be reported, or they may be subtle and seemingly harmless, even to the practiced eye. Frequently, what begins as a seemingly innocent dialogue is developed and manipulated by foreign intelligence into an opportunity designed to collect sensitive information, identify potential agents of influence or even recruit persons willing to spy on their behalf.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2008/8/30/note-from-director-defense-security-service-dss-and-the-firs.html>

1073/08

ODNI defends contractor use

Contractors comprised 27 percent of the estimated 137,000 intelligence personnel funded by the National Intelligence Program in fiscal 2007. Although critics argue that might be too many contractors, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said the number is appropriate.

The percentage comes from ODNI's second annual inventory of core contract employees who work in the 16-agency intelligence community. ODNI made the results for fiscal 2007 public Aug. 27. Members of Congress have been examining the extent of the intelligence community's use of contractors for the past several years, **concerned about the costs** associated with the practice and the extent to which contractors engage in core intelligence collection and analysis activities. Versions of House and Senate measures that would authorize intelligence activities for fiscal 2009 include language that would require **increased oversight of contractor use** by the intelligence community.

After the Cold War, the size of the intelligence community was reduced. After the 2001 terrorist attacks, intelligence agencies hired contractors to rapidly beef up their ranks. (a, b)

(a) <http://www.fcw.com/online/news/153660-1.html>

(b) <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/nation/5974695.html>

1074/08

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Cooperation

When the Bush administration declared a global war on terrorism (GWOT) after the September 11 attacks, it was criticized for labeling a tactic as the enemy. But evoking the image of a "global war" highlights the

transnational nature of the enemy, and the necessity of international cooperation to combat it. Fundamental to this effort is enhancing bilateral and multilateral intelligence-sharing. A paper explores how the globalization of combating terrorism has broadened the intelligence community.

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~gdga/JGCG/archive/Summer08/REVERON.pdf>

1075/08

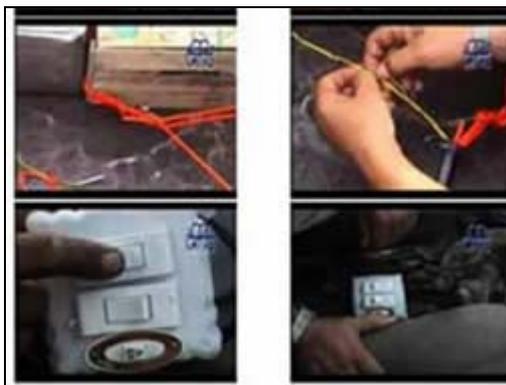
Why and How al-Qaeda Uses Computer Technology to Wage Jihad

One might have thought that without a state to provide sanctuary, money, openspace for training grounds, and a constant influx of like-minded fighters, al-Qaeda after the fall of the Taliban was finished. But following the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan, Hamid Mir, Osama bin Laden's biographer, "watched 'every second al Qaeda member carrying a laptop computer along with a Kalashnikov' as they prepared to scatter into hiding and exile."1 What they had in mind at that exact moment is impossible to tell; what's for sure is that the organization has transformed into a loosely-connected affiliation united by a devotion to jihadist ideology, and is now increasing its membership through the use of the Internet.

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~gdga/JGCG/archive/Summer08/SALTMAN.pdf>

1076/08

Contacting Al-Qaeda and global jihad operatives through the Internet



Terrorism and Internet: Charges have recently been filed against an Israeli Bedouin, suspected of forming contact with Al-Qaeda through the Internet. The suspect was planning to perpetrate terrorist attacks in Israel, mainly a suicide bombing attack at the Beersheba central bus station. He also planned to manufacture an explosive charge and set it east of Tel Sheva (a Bedouin town in south Israel), on a road frequently used by IDF vehicles. The suspect's plans were not realized. His attorney,

Samir Abu Abed, said that his client denied the allegations.

http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/ct_e005.htm

1077/08

Chinese economist Wu clears espionage rumor

Wu Jing Lian, a Chinese economist and senior researcher with the Development Research Center of the State Council(DRC) told in an interview with China News Agency that some reports of him working as U.S. spy was pure rumor. DRC, which Wu is working for, on Friday had also publicly issued a notice on its website www.drc.gov.cn, saying reports of Wu's espionage was not justified and that Wu's life and work was normal, in response to some people's care and concerns for him.

Previously, some overseas media had reported Wu was arrested on suspicious spying work, reported the China News Agency on Friday. Wu had returned to his Beijing apartment from a meeting in northern city Tianjin on Aug. 29,

and said he was shocked at such windy rumors, the agency reported. As a well-known economist and academic heavyweight in the eyes of the media, Wu was as much recognized as he was talked about for his often bold and sharp argumentations.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-08/31/content_9743212.htm

1078/08

Women-only police intelligence unit raised in Bangladesh

In a first, the police in Bangladesh have introduced a women-only special intelligence branch to fight the sex trade, drug peddling and trafficking in women and children. The **Special Women Police Contingent (SWPC)** would gain access to "the world of women criminals" which is not easy for men to do, said Naim Ahmed, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nur Mohammad told The Daily Star newspaper that the present number of women in the police department is around 2,000, which is less than two percent of the total force. One third of those women are under DMP and that is not enough to fight the rising crime among women.

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/uncategorized/women-only-police-intelligence-unit-raised-in-bangladesh_10090484.html

1079/08

Systematischer Atomschmuggel im Auftrag der CIA

Der US-Geheimdienst warb drei Schweizer Ingenieure an, um dem Schwarzhandel mit Nukleartechnik in Schurkenstaaten wie Iran und Libyen auf die Spur zu kommen. Zu einer Verurteilung der Schweizer wird es kaum kommen. Die Regierung ließ riesige Mengen von Computerdateien und anderem Beweismaterial vernichten. (a-c)

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/politik/article2375343/Systematischer-Atomschmuggel-im-Auftrag-der-CIA.html>
- (b) <http://www.20min.ch/news/schweiz/story/31002859>
- (c) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/934/307884/text/>

1080/08

Brasilianischer Geheimdienstchef wegen Abhöraffaire entlassen

Wegen einer Abhöraffaire hat der brasilianische Präsident Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva seinen Geheimdienstchef entlassen. Paulo Lacerda werde von seinem Amt freigestellt, solange die Ermittlungen noch liefen, hieß es in einer am Montag verbreiteten Erklärung des Präsidenten. Offensichtlich wird der Geheimdienstchef dafür verantwortlich gemacht, dass die Telefone von ranghohen Beamten ohne richterliche Genehmigung systematisch abgehört wurden, wie das Nachrichtenmagazin «Veja» berichtete. Betroffen waren davon unter anderem der Vorsitzende des Obersten Gerichtshofs, Parlamentsabgeordnete und ranghohe Vertraute des linksgerichteten Präsidenten, darunter sein Stabschef und mindestens ein Kabinettssekretär.

<http://de.news.yahoo.com/ap/20080902/tpl-brasilianischer-geheimdienstchef-weg-cfb2994.html>

1081/08

Bundeswehr belauscht die Welt

Sie werkeln in Bunkern, auf Schiffen, in Panzern, lesen anderer Leute Fernschreiben, Faxe und E-Mails: Deutsche Soldaten hören mit Hilfe riesiger Antennen Funksprüche der Russen in Georgien ab, belauschen Telefonate der Taliban. Neuerdings späht die Bundeswehr mit Satelliten die ganze Welt aus.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,575417,00.html>

1082/08

Mossad scrapped plan to nab 'Angel of Death'



Israel's Mossad spy organisation cancelled a plan to capture notorious Nazi doctor Josef Mengele in Argentina in 1960 at the last minute.

Rafi Eitan, who is now an Israeli cabinet minister, said he and other Mossad agents tracked Mengele down in Buenos Aires while planning the capture of Adolf Eichmann, one of the main architects of the Holocaust.

"Mengele was living in Buenos Aires at the same time as

Eichmann. We discovered Eichmann first and we later found Mengele," Mr Eitan said. The Mossad team in Argentina - headed by Eitan - knew Mengele's address and took pictures that determined "beyond any doubt" the identity of the former Nazi, who escaped to south America under a new name after World War II.

Several days after Eichmann was snatched and put in hiding in Argentina before being secretly transported to Israel, then-Mossad chief Issar Harel quickly put forward plans to catch Mengele, Mr Eitan said. "I opposed the plan and said that the two operations should not be carried out together because of the risk of losing Eichmann and because we did not have sufficient knowledge for the Mengele mission," he said.

http://news.sbs.com.au/worldnewsaustralia/mossad_scrapped_plan_to_nab_39angel_of_death39_556667

1083/08

Lord Haw-Haw's brother was in contact w. German spy (MI5-WWII-files)

The brother of Lord Haw-Haw, the most notorious Nazi propaganda broadcaster, was also suspected of spying for the Germans, it was revealed today. **Quentin Joyce**, the younger brother of William Joyce, who was nicknamed Lord Haw-Haw, was interned after it was discovered that he was in contact with suspected German intelligence officers. Security Service files released today reveal that Quentin Joyce was put under surveillance by MI5 after they realised he worked for the Directorate of Signals in the Air Ministry, a position that might allow him access to vital military information.

They grew doubly concerned after covert surveillance revealed he was **in touch with a suspected German intelligence officer**. Some of the letters sent between the pair used phrases about stamp collecting that British

intelligence believed were coded phrases. At the outbreak of war, Quentin was **arrested and interned**. He was released in 1943 but banned from joining the armed services for fear that he would apply to become an officer and pose an even greater security threat. (a, b)

- (a) <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/lord-hawhaws-brother-was-in-contact-with-german-spy-913919.html>
- (b) more on released files: <http://www.mi5.gov.uk/output/Page645.html>

1084/08 -----

Roald Dahl's seductive work as a British spy

Roald Dahl, known as one of the world's favourite children's authors, was involved in numerous sexual liaisons as a British spy in America, according to a new biography. A portrait of Dahl's Second World War years as an undercover agent attached to the British Embassy in Washington is painted in *The Irregulars*, published in Britain on September 9.

Drawing on previously unpublished letters and other documents, American journalist Jennet Conant has written about Dahl's numerous sexual conquests. They include Millicent Rogers, the heiress to a Standard Oil fortune, and Clare Boothe Luce, a right-wing congresswoman and the wife of the publisher of *Time* magazine. Boothe Luce proved so frisky, Dahl later claimed to have begged his superiors to take him off the assignment, only to be told to get back into the bedroom. (a, b)

- (a) www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/2655185/Roald-Dahls-seductive-work-as-a-British-spy.html
- (b) <http://www.newsweek.com/id/156340>

1085/08 -----

Monitoring Environment and Security

The environment-security nexus is not a new topic in academic and political discourse, but it has currently gained new significance due to a number of factors. Growing concerns about global environmental change including climate change and fears about increasing demand and competition for natural resources caused by population growth and economic development both figure prominently among these factors.

This brief is based on the proceedings of the Seminar 'Environment and Conflict-Evaluating and strengthening the means of interdisciplinary cooperation', which took place in Bonn from the 18-20 September **2007**. This Seminar was organized by BICC in cooperation with GMOSS (Global Monitoring for Security and Stability). (a, b)

- (a) report and downloadsite:
<http://www.bicc.de/publications/briefs/brief37/content.php>
- (b) report: <http://www.bicc.de/publications/briefs/brief37/brief37.pdf>

1086/08 -----

Internet Traffic Begins to Bypass the U.S.

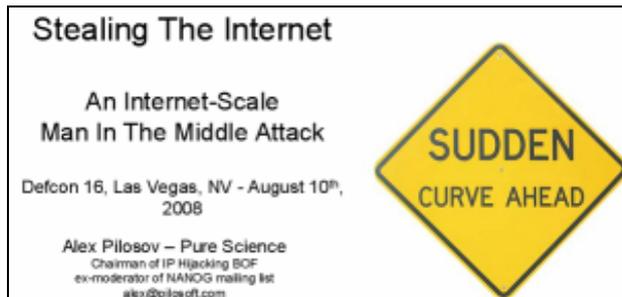
Engineers who help run the Internet said that it would have been impossible for the United States to maintain its hegemony over the long run because of the very nature of the Internet; it has no central point of control. And now, the balance of power is shifting. Data is increasingly flowing around the United States, which may have intelligence - and conceivably military - consequences.

American intelligence officials have warned about this shift. "Because of the nature of global telecommunications, we are playing with a tremendous home-field advantage, and we need to exploit that edge," Michael V. Hayden, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2006. "We also need to protect that edge, and we need to protect those who provide it to us."

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/30/business/30pipes.html?_r=1&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&oref=slogin

1087/08

Revealed: The Internet's Biggest Security Hole



Two security researchers have demonstrated a new technique to stealthily intercept internet traffic on a scale previously presumed to be unavailable to anyone outside of intelligence agencies like the National Security Agency. The tactic exploits the internet routing protocol BGP (Border Gateway

Protocol) **to let an attacker surreptitiously monitor unencrypted internet traffic anywhere in the world**, and even **modify** it before it reaches its destination.

The demonstration is only the latest attack to highlight fundamental security weaknesses in some of the internet's core protocols. Those protocols were largely developed in the 1970s with the assumption that every node on the then-nascent network would be trustworthy. The world was reminded of the quaintness of that assumption in July, when researcher Dan Kaminsky disclosed a serious vulnerability in the DNS system. Experts say the new demonstration targets a potentially larger weakness. (a-d)

- (a) article <http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2008/08/revealed-the-in.html>
- (b) updated article: <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2008/8/28/more-on-bgp-attacks-updated.html>
- (c) ppt-presentation: "Stealing the Internet": <http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/files/edited-iphd-2.ppt>
- (d) <http://tech.blorge.com/Structure:%20/2008/08/31/biggest-internet-security-risk-unveiled-at-defcon/>

1088/08

Ethical Minefields of Law Firm Competitive Intelligence

A lawyer writing in the National Law Journal is urging state bars to set standards for law firms gathering competitive intelligence before an embarrassing example comes to light and damages the reputation of the legal profession.

The article by lawyer Melissa Ruman Stewart of Winstead outlines ethical quandaries posed when law firms gather information about competitors, potential clients and market opportunities. Some examples: Should lawyers use information that a target client wouldn't want disclosed, such as home values, criminal history, religious affiliations, school affiliations, civic affiliations and taxes? Should a lawyer enroll her children in a target child's Sunday school class in an effort to learn more about the target? Should estate planners send letters to possible cancer patients

whose names were purchased from wig vendors? Should a lawyer keep his profession secret in a public setting when others are talking about a competitor's proprietary information? - **Lawyers may find little guidance in state ethics codes.**

http://www.abajournal.com/news/ethical_minefields_of_law_firm_competitive_intelligence/

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