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WHO'S WATCHING YOU NOW? . . . What happens when the requirements for openness in government run up against the security interests of the United States? Sometimes you get an Alien and Sedition Act, sometimes you get an Intelligence Identities Protection Act, and sometimes you just get cryptic Federal Register notices.

Witness last Thursday's Federal Register, in which one of the country's most secret organizations, The Defense Intelligence Agency, issued a rule saying that people monitored by the "Attache Special Project" and the "Companion Channel Information System" have no right to see the data collected about them, as they ordinarily would under the Privacy Act. The reason: people being monitored shouldn't know who's telling tales about them. Who's being monitored? "That's classified," said a DIA employe. What is the "Attache Special Project?" "That's classified." The rule is now final. No one commented on the original proposal.