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**'Covering' the Mail  
Isn't Reading It**

In response to Ernest B. Furgurson's recent column, "U.S. 'Mail Covers' Recall Big Brother in Moscow," Furgurson should be advised that a "mail cover" as used by federal agencies is not a procedure used in the U.S.S.R. Letters are not opened in the U.S. The sender's name and address are noted and this information only is supplied the requestor of the mail cover. This, of course, begs the question of the right of privacy.

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