

**Q8. What is NSA's intelligence mission?**

**A8.** The United States, of course, has many organizations conducting intelligence. Sometimes those distinctions are based on the discipline that's brought to bear, whether it's human intelligence or imagery intelligence or, in our case, signals intelligence, and sometimes those distinctions are based upon the domain within which that intelligence work takes place. NSA, of course, is a signals intelligence organization; we conduct intelligence by looking for the communications of our adversaries. The second, and very important, distinction is that NSA is a foreign intelligence organization. The intelligence that we are authorized to collect, and that we report on, is intelligence that bears on foreign adversaries, foreign threats, more often than not, located therefore in foreign domains.