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Effort to stop leaks targets reporters



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Talking points

1. The Obama administration has tracked reporters' phone calls, e-mails and movements to stop leaks. Do these moves endanger freedom of the press or protect national security?

2. An FBI agent testified that a reporter broke the law by seeking classified information. Should reporters ever go after government secrets?

3. Do government officials ever classify papers "secret" to avoid embarrassment?

Between the lines

There was evidence the reporter had broken the law, "at the very least, either as an aider, abettor and/or coconspirator." - FBI Agent Reginald Reyes. http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-

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