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Dear NSA,

We believe that every person or organization (which consists of people) deserves to be treated with dignity + respect therefore we honor the place in you which is an honest desire to protect your country (including us!).

But ~~as a loving parent~~ we have to point out 2 things. A: we believe that you're going about this the wrong way and we'd like to help you reimagine a new way of achieving your goal. B: because of your less than perfect approach, imperfect motives can also creep in.

For example, using technology to intrude on people's lives is a vain attempt to overcome alienation by the means that have created it and enforce it. You are attempting to create a world where we can trust each other but you're using the means of distrust to do it. (The Buddha said that trust is the best of relationships, and that must be applied to the means

as well as the end.) ~~lastly~~, Spying on others gives
one an unhealthy sense of control ~~of~~ over others (which
again alienates us).

We don't believe people can be judged by their
online presence as that is only a fraction of their
humanity. And just the same, we don't feel we can
judge you solely by your spying activities. We trust
that you are not intentionally trying to harm
anyone and that your existence is the expression
of our own mistrust therefore we will work to
create more trust in the world and you can trust
that we will resist your current activities nonviolently
because we love you.

In our next letter, ^(aka, our emails + phone calls to others) we look forward to co-imagining
with you the way to achieve ^{real} security through
nonviolence.

Love,

You already know who we are

Michael, Stephanie, Mica, Peijuan, Jill and Fancy