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## FRANCOIS HOLLANDE HAS PHONED PRESIDENT OBAMA ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF SPYING BY NSA

### THE SOURCE ORIGINATED FROM WIKILEAKS

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**USPA NEWS** - The French President called President Obama yesterday afternoon about the NSA records disclosures in the French press on plays performed between 2006 and 2012. Hollande had a fifteen minutes conversation on the phone regarding the NSA disclosures related by Wikileaks and the French press.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE COUNCIL-----

"The exchange was the occasion of a focus on the principles that should govern relations between allies on intelligence matters. President Obama reiterated his unequivocal commitment, which occurred in November 2013 after the Snowden affair and already recalled during the state visit of February 2014, to finish with the practices that have taken place in the past and which were unacceptable among allies. Some French intelligence officials will travel soon to Washington to deepen cooperation." [?] Elysee said (French Presidency Statement).

Laurent Fabius, French Minister of Foreign Affairs said at the Press conference yesterday, after he has summoned the US ambassador Jane Hartley : "These practices are unacceptable and we want to know if these practices had ceased, and I want to ensure that the cessation of practices applies not only to the President of the Republic, but much more widely."

"These unacceptable facts already resulted in clarifications between France and the United States" in 2013 and 2014, said Laurent Fabius yesterday afternoon at the Quai D'Orsay (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The French President convened a Defense Council meeting ad hoc just after the French publications by Libération and Mediapart and Wikileaks in parallel. "Commitments were made by the American authorities," the council said. "They must be recalled and strictly respected."

Former President Jacques Chirac said that the sheets of US intelligence "unacceptable" and "shocking", said his entourage told AFP. "France and the United States are historic allies. France has always acted vis-À-vis the United States in a spirit of friendship, trust, independence and openness (...) Such methods among allies and friendly countries are unacceptable," said the entourage of Jacques Chirac. Jacques Chirac today 83 years of age no longer makes public appearances since then, several November 2014 for health reasons, and was President of the French republic from 1995 to 2007.

#### CONTEXT: THE SOURCE ORIGINATED FROM WIKILEAKS

The source originated from Wikileaks which published 5 reports made by NSA on the basis of phone intercepts of former Presidents Jacques Chirac, Nicolas Sarkozy and Francois Hollande since 2006 to 2012.

The French newspaper "Liberation" [?] and the online investigation journal "Mediapart" [?] released the Wikileaks "Top Secret" [?] information two days ago, about NSA's claiming on spying.

French newspaper Liberation and online outlet Mediapart cited five NSA reports published by WikiLeaks on Tuesday and purportedly pulled from intercepted communications of former Presidents Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy as well as Hollande and other French figures.

These allegations

Julian Assange, Australian founder of Wikileaks said the French people "have a right to know that their elected government is subject to hostile surveillance from a supposed ally."

Those particular phone intercepts took place from December 10, 2012, to January 8, 2013, Le Monde said. An NSA graph showed an average of 3 million data intercepts a day.

According to Le Monde, the NSA had monitored phone calls made in France, citing documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden to Wikileaks.

Julian Assange promises more revelations. "This information will come out at the appropriate time" and "it will be even more important," without revealing any source of his allegations. He is refuge in the Embassy of Ecuador in London for three years. The founder of Wikileaks is interviewed on the French TV TF1 tonight 8pm, Paris Time, (From London) about these late revelations about

the last three French presidents by US intelligence services. To be continued, we shall update this article in the next publications.-----Sources: Liberation, Le Monde.fr, CNN TV, 20minutes.fr, elysee.fr, www.diplomatie.gouv.fr-----For more information see: www.liberation.fr, www.mediapart.fr, www.lemonde.fr,

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