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GERMANY CARRIED OUT SURVEILLANCE ON EUROPEAN ALLIES AND VATICAN ON LARGE SCALE

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Reports of German espionage activities directed against its allies are especially embarrassing for Chancellor Angela Merkel because of her government's angry reaction to former NSA contractor Edward Snowden's 2013 revelations that the NSA had carried out large-scale surveillance of U.S. allies, including tapping Merkel's cellphone...Germany's intelligence agencies have come in for criticism after news this year that they had indirectly helped the NSA spy on European companies such as the defense manufacturer Airbus. (Politico)

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