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**Dec 1 2012** Edward Snowden sends first email to Glenn Greenwald under a pseudonym

**May 20 2013** Snowden arrives in Hong Kong from Hawaii, bringing with him four laptops

**June 5** The Guardian publishes first report: US obtained secret court order forcing Verizon to turn over millions of customers' phone records

**6** The Guardian and The Washington Post report on the NSA's direct access to the servers of the biggest US tech companies: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, Skype, YouTube, Apple and others

**9** The Guardian releases a video Q&A with Snowden, revealing his presence in Hong Kong

**12** Booz Allen Hamilton fires Snowden

**13** Snowden tells SCMP: US spy net targets HK

**15** Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying declines to answer questions about Snowden

**17** The US government has hacked Hong Kong and the mainland for years, Snowden tells the SCMP

**19** Hong Kong receives US request for provisional arrest of Snowden. Hong Kong demonstrators say they support Snowden

**20** British intelligence monitored phones and set up fake Internet cafes to spy during the G20 summit in London in 2009, the Guardian reports

**21** US Attorney General Eric Holder tries to contact Secretary for Justice Rimsky Yuen Kwok-keung

**22** NSA spies on citizens without warrants, The Guardian reports

**23** Yuen talks to Holder

**24** Hong Kong officials ask US President Barack Obama to explain scope of spying in China

**5** Snowden documents: Vodafone let governments in 29 countries listen in

**3 Jun** Film planned: Oscar-winning Hollywood director Oliver Stone says he wants to film story of whistle-blower's 'political awakening'

**17 Apr** Snowden asks for political asylum. Russian President Vladimir Putin says he should stop leaking US secrets. Snowden withdraws asylum request

**22** Indictment detailing charges under the US Espionage Act is unsealed. Snowden buys ticket to leave but delays trip

**23** Snowden leaves Hong Kong, arrives Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport

**24** Snowden's Hong Kong lawyers go public

Snowden sought Booz Allen job to gather NSA surveillance evidence, he tells the SCMP

**29** The NSA obtained legal permission for mass surveillance of citizens of China, Japan, Russia, Germany, Venezuela and five other countries, according to a report by Der Spiegel

**22** Huawei was among several targets hacked by the NSA, according to a report by The New York Times and Der Spiegel

**12 Mar** Fake Facebook: The NSA has the ability to hack into millions of computers and implant malware, The Intercept reports

**24** Metadata from millions of video chats is collected by British intelligence, The Guardian reports

**7 Feb** First book published about Snowden: *The Snowden Files* by Luke Harding

**16** The NSA bulk collects text messages abroad, according to a report by The Guardian and Channel 4

**2 Jan 2014** The NSA is trying to develop computers strong enough to break through all forms of encryption, The Washington Post reports

**20** Communications in more than 60 countries were monitored by the NSA, The Guardian, The New York Times and Der Spiegel report

**4** The NSA collects cell phone location data around the world, The Washington Post reports

**1 Dec** US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada intelligence meeting held in 2008 to share data, according to The Guardian

**19** The NSA admits violating citizens' privacy in a discontinued programme collecting e-mail metadata and an ongoing programme collecting cell phone metadata

**1 Nov** Snowden writes to German parliament: "I am heartened by the response to my act of political expression, in both the United States and beyond,"

**30** The NSA spied on the Vatican, the Italian magazine Panorama reports

**24** NSA monitored phone calls of 35 world leaders, The Guardian reports

**23** The NSA monitored Angela Merkel's mobile phone, Der Spiegel reports

**14 Oct** The NSA bulk collects e-mail address books, The Washington Post reports

**30** The NSA stores metadata by millions of web users, The Guardian reports

**7** NSA can spy on all major carriers' smartphones, German magazine Der Spiegel reports

**1 Sep** The NSA spied on the communications of Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff and Mexico's then presidential candidate and later President Enrique Peña Nieto, according to the Brazilian magazine Fantástico

**30** The NSA pays US tech companies for providing user data, The Washington Post reports

**18** British telecommunications companies have been complicit in spying for GCHQ, the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung reveals

**2** Reports in the Brazilian magazine Época reveal how the US spied on foreign diplomats during negotiations on Iran sanctions and at the 2009 Summit of the Americas

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