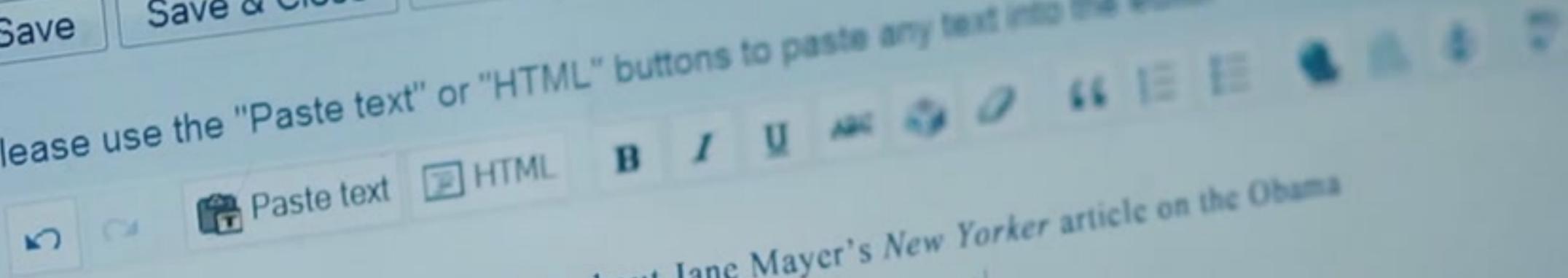


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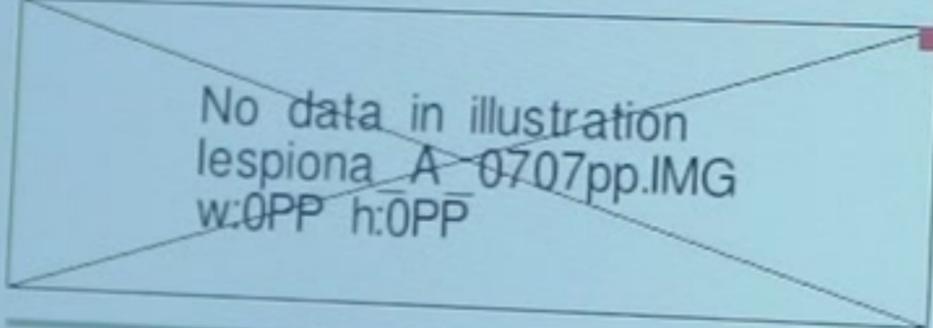
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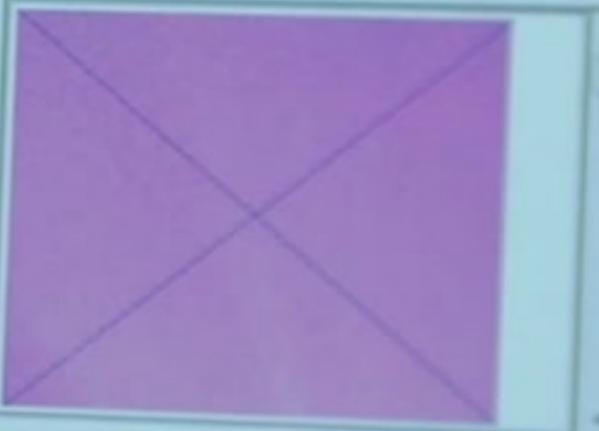
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the current criteria are secret and have not been subject to any public debate. GCHQ's compliance with the certificates is audited by the agency itself, and it is not known whether it has been subjected to any independent scrutiny.

An indication of how broad the dragnet can be was laid bare in advice from GCHQ's lawyers, who said it would be impossible to list the total number of people targeted because "this would be an infinite list which we couldn't manage".

There is an investigatory powers tribunal to look into complaints that the data gathered by GCHQ has been improperly used, but the agency reassured NSA analysts: "So far they have always found in our favour."

Historically, the spy agencies intercepted international communications by focusing on microphones and satellites. The NSA's station at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire played a leading role in intercepting communications. A document quoted by a former NSA Lieutenant General said: "Why can't we do this? Sound like a good idea for Menwith."

By then, however, the focus had shifted to intercepting the network traffic, mostly on fibre-optic cables, which run along the western edge of the Atlantic. It is a natural access to cables crossing the Atlantic.

As the probe began to gather momentum, GCHQ set up a three-year trial at a secret station in Menwith Hill, Cornwall. By the end of 2007, GCHQ had probes attached to almost 100 fibre-optic cables, each carrying

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