



## Launch of an exit program for secret service employees

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### Motivating intelligence officers to quit their jobs

Today a civil society response to the illegality, undemocratic processes and mismanagement in secret services has emerged. Named Intelexit, the “exit program” reaches out to all employees of such institutions and supports them to resign from their jobs. This is designed, say the founders of Intelexit to “break down the structures of secret services and force reform”.

### About Intelexit

Intelexit is an initiative designed for all employees of known and unknown secret services worldwide. It speaks to employees who are unsatisfied in their jobs, due to moral conflicts, and encourages them to consider termination of employment as an act of personal strength and a contribution to democracy. Intelexit provides support in a number of ways including counseling, alternative career advice, and planning for the exit process. Intelexit cooperates with a network of organisations and individuals to provide the appropriate and necessary support for each individual exit case.

### Planned activities

On the 28th of September, the Intelexit promotions campaign begins with the launch of a website ([intelexit.org](http://intelexit.org)) and promotional video featuring NSA whistleblower, Thomas Drake and security and privacy expert, Bruce Schneier and Walter Eichner (former Stasi employee).

### Activities on Monday, 09/28/2015:

Large billboard trucks will be circling the buildings of intelligence agencies GCHQ (UK) and NSA (USA) in order to reach the employees of intelligence agencies and their subcontractors. In Germany, there are also direct live actions: the Lucius D. Clay Kaserne (Wiesbaden) and the Dagger Complex (Darmstadt) linked to the NSA, and the current building of the BND in Berlin and the American consulate in Berlin will all fall in the crossfire of Intelexit’s advertising cannons. In addition, ambassadors will be handing out informational brochures to employees arriving at work at the GCHQ and BND.

### **Actions on Tuesday, 09/29/2015:**

In an attempt to establish personal contact with potential intelligence dropouts, on Tuesday Intelexit begins making phone-calls and sending faxes and emails to many secret offices of intelligence agencies. The purpose of this action is both to increase the awareness of Intelexit's service within the target group community and to reach all of those who were already planning on stepping out. Journalists are cordially invited to contact in advance to witness this direct form of contact with intelligence officers, from the Intelexit Berlin HQ.

### **Actions on Wednesday, 09/30/2015:**

For the early risers among journalists in Berlin, the day begins with a secret operation to which you are invited, if you provide secure communication paths (eg PGP or Jabber & OTR).

At 11 am, a press conference takes place (invitation to follow), with:

**Nighat Dad**, Pakistan Digital Rights Foundation: drone surveillance and warfare, operating from Germany

**Mitat Özdemir**, spokesman for the Keupstraße Initiative: experience with the NSU and the protection of the constitution

**Jérémie Zimmermann**, La Quadrature du Net: mass surveillance, privacy and freedom of the press

**Sandra Baierl** (spokeswoman for Intelexit, also known as lizvix): Questions and Answers

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