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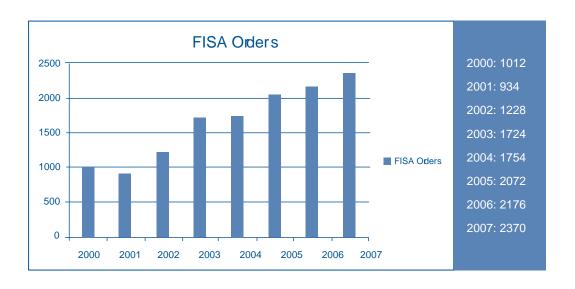
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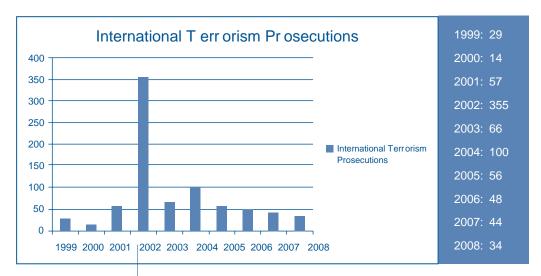
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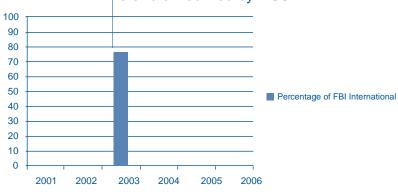
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PETER CHASE is the Director of the Plainville Public Library and was formerly the Vice President of Library Connection Inc, a consortium of 26 Connecticut libraries. In 2005, the FBI used an NSL to demand library patron records from Library Connection and imposed a gag order on the librarians, prohibiting them from speaking to Congress during the debate about the reauthorization of the Patriot Act. Peter and his colleagues decided to challenge the NSL demand and gag. "The government was telling Congress that it didn't use the Patriot Act against libraries and that no one's rights had been violated. I felt that I just could not be part of this fraud being foisted on our-193(o)5r5()-d f

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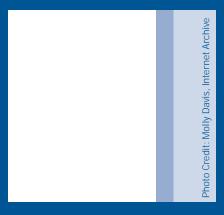
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BREWSTER KAHLE is the founder and digital librarian of the Internet Archive, a digital library. In November 2007, the FBI used an NSL to demand personal information about one of the Archive's users. The NSL also included a gag order, prohibiting the Archive from revealing the existence of the letter. In April 2008, the FBI withdrew the unconstitutional NSL as part of the settlement of a lawsuit brought by the ACLU and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "The free fow of information is at the heart of every library's work. That's why Congress passed a law limiting the FBI's power to issue NSLs to America's libraries. While it's never easy standing up to the government - particularly when I was barred from discussing it with anyone - I knew I had to challenge something that was clearly wrong. I'm grateful that I am able now to talk about what happened to me, so that other libraries can learn how they can fight back from these overreaching demands."

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SUGGESTED REFORMS

Repeal the expanded section 215 authorities that allow the FBI to demand information about innocent people who are not the targets of any investigation Return to previous standards limiting the use of 215 authorities to gather information only about terrorism suspects and other agents of foreign powers.

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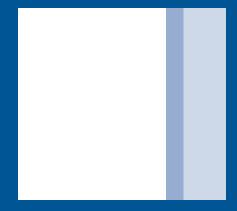
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WANDA GUTHRIE, a volunteer with the Thomas Merton Center for Peace & Justice, an organization founded in 1972 to bring people from diverse philosophies and faiths together to work, through nonviolent efforts, for a more just and peaceful world, was monitored by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. "The government's surveillance of the TMC events and gatherings which may include those of Roots for Peace is just horrible. Spying invades peoples' privacy and sacred space when they are speaking out - and make no bones about it, when you're speaking out for peace it is sacred space. For the FBI to monitor us as if we were terrorists is unconscionable."

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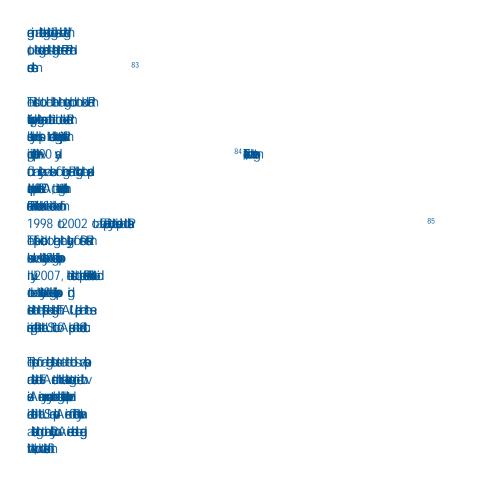
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