

NSA Global SIGINT Highlights US Eavesdrops as Sarkozy Plots French Leadership on Financial Crisis

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Description

This is a Top Secret US National Security Agency report on highlights from signals intelligence intercepts of high-level French government communications. The report, dating from 2008, reveals that Sarkozy blamed the US Government for the world economic crisis, and saw a lack of US engagement as a signal that it was France's turn, while it held to EU presidency, to take the lead in pursuing changes to the world financial system.

Sarkozy Sees Himself as Only One Who Can Resolve World Financial Crisis (TS//SI-G//OC)

(TS//SI-G//OC/REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL) French President Nicolas Sarkozy considers it his responsibility to Europe and the world to step up to the plate and resolve the world financial crisis. He further declared that he is the only one, given France's EU Presidency, who can step into the breach at this time. The President blamed many of the current economic problems on mistakes made by the U.S. Government, but believes that Washington is now heeding some of his advice. In his view, this is the first time that the U.S. has not taken the lead in managing a global crisis and France will now take the helm. Sarkozy is determined that the mid-November financial summit, which he proposed, will bring drastic change to the world financial system. Finally, the French President was pleased by some progress made within the EU to ease the crisis and by his excellent working relationship with the British and Spanish prime ministers.

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