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I think it is reasonable to assume that we now live in a surveillance state. It doesn't matter where you live, somebody's watching you. Good morning NSA, good morning GCHQ, guten Morgen BND, bonjour DGSE, dobroe utrom SVR, zaoshang hao MSS, boker tov Mossad. That's just the shortlist of government bodies watching us 24/7. Then of course there are all the commercial outfits that watch us, not naming names or nothing but facething and the other digi-monsters are in on it too. Naturally there are also the hackers and scammers and perverts sneaking around our firewalls and placing hidden cameras in our locker rooms, to say nothing of our 'friends' who post pictures of us drunk on the couch, ha, ha.

And this is just the beginning. Soon the skies will be filled with the buzz of drones. We're not going to be able to tell the difference between a pizza delivery and a flying spybot so we'll have to assume every one of these machines has got its beady eye on us. And don't get me started on eyeglasses with cameras, just don't.

Human nature dictates that if you treat people like criminals before long they are going to start thinking like criminals. As a direct result of the revelations coming from Snowden and company there has been a surge of interest in typewriters, good old analog technology that cannot be bugged or hacked. Snail mail may be slow but the NSA would have to get out of the office and hang around the world's postboxes in all kinds of weather to intercept these communications. If we see a surge in hiring at the NSA over the next months it will be because they have decided to go the East Germany route where one half of the population was employed to spy on the other half and watch all the postboxes in all kinds of weather.

Time to learn Morse Code. .._ . _ . . . _