

NSA phone data control may come to end

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In this Dec. 20, 2013 file photo, President Barack Obama speaks during an end-of-the year news conference in the Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House in Washington. Capping a monthslong review, Obama is expected to back modest changes to the government's surveillance network at home and abroad while largely leaving the framework of the controversial programs in place, including the bulk collection of phone records from millions of Americans. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

A senior administration official says President Barack Obama will call

for stripping the National Security Agency's ability to store phone data from millions of Americans.

The official says Obama will not say who should ultimately hold the data. Instead he will call on the [intelligence community](#) and Congress Friday to consult on where it should be maintained.

A presidential commission has recommended moving the data to the telephone companies or a third party.

The official insisted on anonymity because this person was not authorized to discuss the president's decision by name.

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