

[1] During the FIOS/Sedona webcast mentioned immediately above, moderator Carsten Casper noted that the availability of detailed census information maintained by the government of France helped the Nazi occupiers to locate and round up French Jews after France fell to the German invasion in 1940. Jim Daley and Ken Rashbaum also discussed the excellent motion picture, *The Lives of Others*, which detailed the shocking extent to which the Stasi (secret police) of the communist government of the former East Germany followed every detail of citizens' day to day lives through listening devices, informants, and the like. The observation has been made more than once that the enactment of the EU privacy directive in 1995 followed naturally from the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet empire a few years earlier. See also the article at MSN.com " 'La Difference' is stark in EU, US privacy laws" 10/19/2006 <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15221111/>.