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Whistle-Blower's Evidence, Uncut

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In a public statement Klein issued last month, he described the NSA's visit to an AT&T office. In an older, less-public statement recently acquired by Wired News, Klein goes into additional details of his discovery of an alleged surveillance operation in an AT&T building in San Francisco.

Klein supports his claim by attaching excerpts of three internal company documents: a Dec. 10, 2002, manual titled "*Study Group 3, LGX/Splitter Wiring, San Francisco*," a Jan. 13, 2003, document titled "*SIMS, Splitter Cut-In and Test Procedure*" and a second "*Cut-In and Test Procedure*" dated Jan. 24, 2003.

Here we present Klein's statement in its entirety, with inline links to all of the document excerpts where he cited them. You can also download the complete file here (pdf). The full AT&T documents are filed under seal in federal court in San Francisco.

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Splitter Cabinet	SPC
LGX Cabinet	LXC
Meta Data Cabinet	MDC
Network Management Cabinet	NMC
Data Filter Cabinet	DFC
Juniper M40E Router Cabinet	JC
Sun V880 Cabinet	S8C
Sun 3800 Cabinet	S3C
Sun StoreEdge Cabinet	SSC
ADC Chassis For LGX	lxp
ADC Chassis For Splitter	spp
ADC Splitter Module	spl
ADC Bulkhead Module (LGX)	bk
Juniper M160	jp
Juniper M40e	j4
Narus STA 6400	nr
Sun Fire V880/Narus Logic Server	s8
Sun Fire 3800	s3
Sun StorEdge T3	st
Sun StorEdge FC switch	sf
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BayTech RPC22	bv
Brocade SilkWorm 2800 Switch	bz
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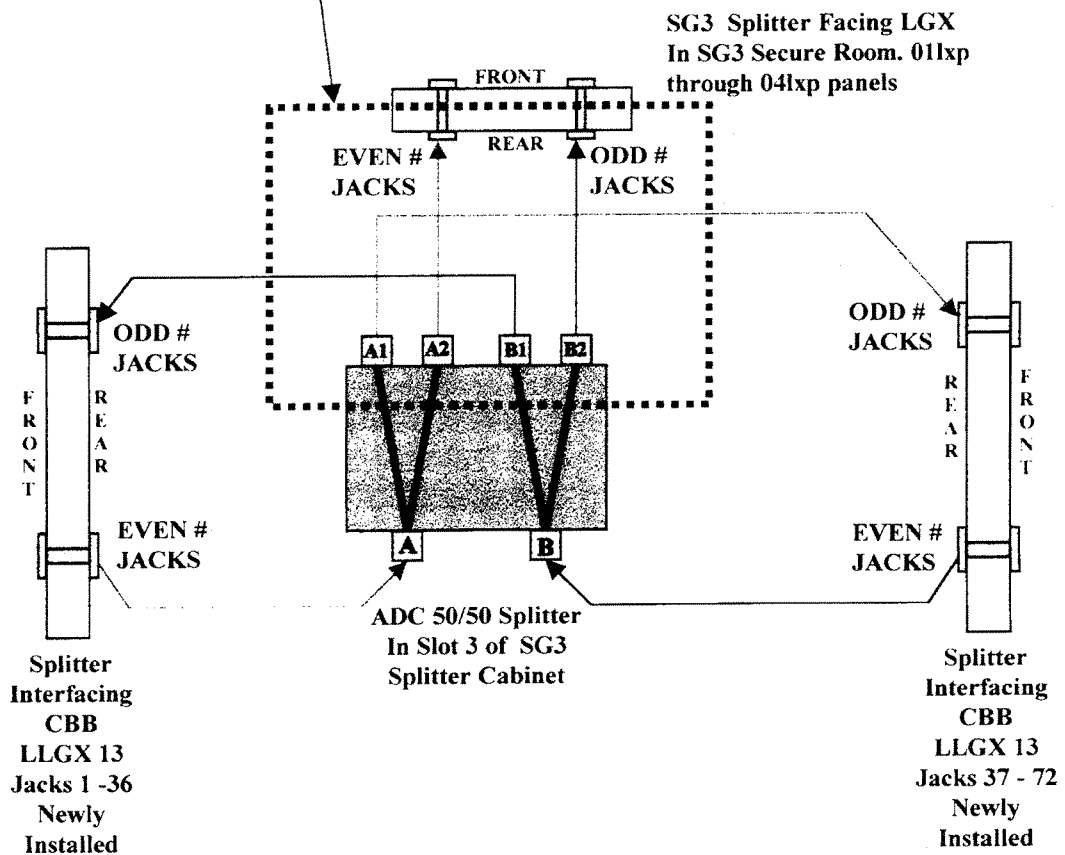
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01lxp SG3 LGX Panel to Splitter Cabinet Connectivity

01lxp SG3 LGX Panel Port (In SG3 Room)	Splitter Cabinet Destination	SG3 LGX Designation Card Text	Splitter End Fiber Label Text
1	01spp/Slot 3/port 14	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 14	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 1 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 14
2	01spp/Slot 3/port 13	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 13	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 2 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 13
3	01spp/Slot 3/port 16	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 16	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 3 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 16
4	01spp/Slot 3/port 15	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 15	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 4 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 15
5	01spp/Slot 3/port 18	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 18	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 5 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 18
6	01spp/Slot 3/port 17	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 3/port 17	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 6 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 17
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8	01spp/Slot 4/port 19	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 4/port 19	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 8 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 19
9	01spp/Slot 4/port 22	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 4/port 22	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 9 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 22
10	01spp/Slot 4/port 21	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 4/port 21	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 10 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 21
11	01spp/Slot 4/port 24	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 4/port 24	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 11 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 24
12	01spp/Slot 4/port 23	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 4/port 23	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 12 TO: 01spp/Slot 3/port 23
13	01spp/Slot 5/port B2	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 5/port B2	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 13 TO: 01spp/Slot 5/port B2
14	01spp/Slot 5/port A2	RR 070177.04 01spp/Slot 5/port A2	FROM: 060903.01 01lxp/JK 14 TO: 01spp/Slot 5/port A2
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The number of cross-connects required and the final path the circuit will take is dependant on the location of the affected LGX bays within the multiple line-ups of the CBB LGX complex. This procedure will describe all possible splitter cut-in circuit paths. The procedure will also describe the procedures for testing each possible circuit path.

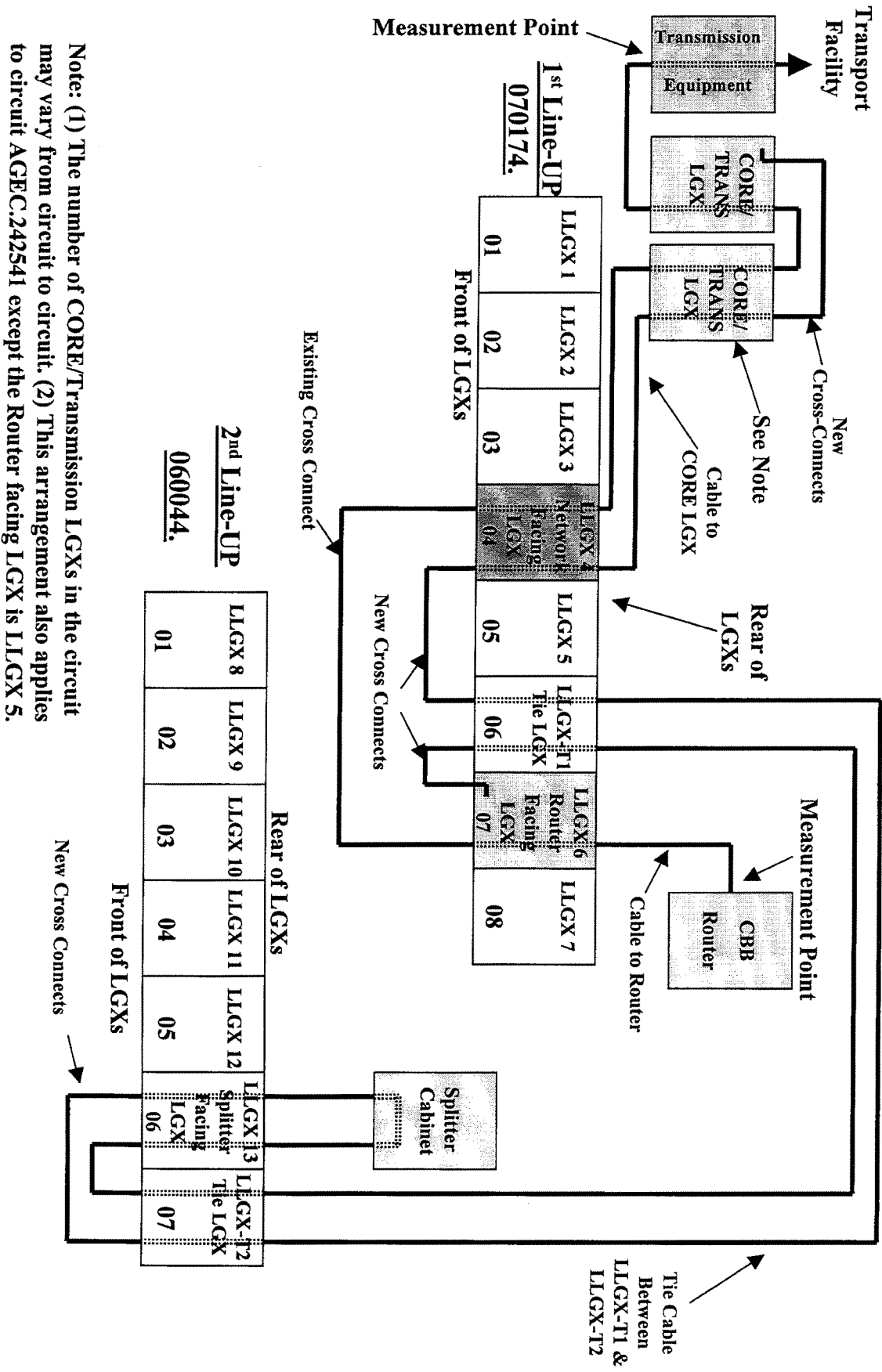
1.1. How to Use this Procedure

This procedure document is quite long. **It is not necessary to read this whole document to do the work.** There are 4 possible LGX arrange that may encounter. By reading section 1.2 below, determine which LGX arrangement applies to the circuit you are working. Then, after reading the introductory paragraphs in Sections 2 and 3, go directly to the subsections within Sections 2 and 3 associated with the LGX arrangement you are dealing with.

1.2. LGX Definition and LGX-Arrangement:

LGX Definition: There are multiple LGX bays affected by this procedure. Within the CBB LGX complex LGX bays follow a specific naming convention (LLGX 1, LLGX2, LLGX3, LLGX4, ...). This naming convention is uniform across sites. Since this document is designed to cover all sites, this uniform naming convention will be used here. Site-specific engineering will use the LGX FIC code rather than the naming. Prior to the start of the work described here the local IP FSS will label the LGX bays with the naming as presented in this document. The following are generic definitions for the LGX bays affected by this procedure:

Figure 5 - Arrangement 3 - Circuit Connectivity – Cut Night Measurements
Network Facing & Router Facing LGX in 1st Line-Up / Splitter Facing LGX in 2nd Line-Up
Overhead View of Bays (Applies to Circuits AGEC.671212, AGEC.622360, AGEC.622352, IVEC.517519, IVEC.578278, IVEC.502963, IVEC.547506, IVEC.509396, IVEC.597263, IVEC.502961, IVEC.502960 & IVEC.502947)



Note: (1) The number of CORE/Transmission LGXs in the circuit may vary from circuit to circuit. (2) This arrangement also applies to circuit AGECC.242541 except the Router facing LGX is LLGX 5.

Priority	Peering Link	Ckt Type	ID	AS Number	Circuit Comments	Router	Port	Circuit Engineering Change Order Issue Date	Circuit Engineering Complete Date Requested	Circuit Engineering Complete Date Actual	Splitter Pre-Test Date	Splitter in Circuit Date	Splitter Active Date	Comments
1	ConXion	OC-3	AGEC.622352	4544		sffca01ck	POS 1/3	1/22/2003	1/31/2003	1/22/2003	2/4/2003	2/6/2003		
2	Vero	OC-12	IVEC.517519	2914		sffca01ck	POS 3/1	1/23/2003	1/31/2003	1/23/2003	2/4/2003	2/6/2003		
3	XO	OC-12	IVEC.578278	2828		sffca01ck	POS 3/2	1/23/2003	1/31/2003	1/23/2003	2/4/2003	2/6/2003		
4	Genuity	OC-12	IVEC.502963	1		sffca01ck	POS 3/3	1/23/2003	1/31/2003	1/23/2003	2/4/2003	2/6/2003		
5	Qwest	OC-12	IVEC.547506	209		sffca01ck	POS 5/2	1/30/2003	2/7/2003	1/23/2003	2/1/2003	2/13/2003		
6	PAIX	OC-12	IVEC.509396	nap		sffca01ck	POS 8/1	1/30/2003	2/7/2003	1/23/2003	2/1/2003	2/13/2003		
7	Alligiance	OC-12	IVEC.597263	2548		sffca01ck	POS 8/3	1/30/2003	2/7/2003	1/24/2003	2/1/2003	2/13/2003		
8	Abovenet	OC-12	IVEC.502961	6461		sffca01ck	POS 9/2	1/30/2003	2/7/2003	1/24/2003	2/1/2003	2/13/2003		
9	Global Crossing	OC-12	IVEC.502960	3549		sffca01ck	POS 9/3	1/30/2003	2/7/2003	1/24/2003	2/1/2003	2/13/2003		
10	C&W	OC-48	IVEC.502947	3561		sffca01ck	POS 2/0		2/14/2003		2/18/2003	2/20/2003		
11	UNET	OC-48	IVEC.509433	701		sffca02ck4	POS 2/0		2/14/2003		2/18/2003	2/20/2003		
12	Level 3	OC-48	IVEC.509434	3366		sffca02ck4	POS 3/0		2/14/2003		2/18/2003	2/20/2003		
13	Sprint	OC-48	IVEC.509438	1239		sffca02ck4	POS 1/0		2/21/2003		2/25/2003	2/27/2003		
14	Telia	OC-3	AGEC.671212	1299		sffca01ck	POS 0/1		2/21/2003		2/25/2003	2/27/2003		
15	PSINet	OC-3	AGEC.622360	174		sffca01ck	POS 0/2		2/21/2003		2/25/2003	2/27/2003		
16	Mae West	OC-3	AGEC.242541	nap		sffca82ck	POS 2/5		2/21/2003		2/25/2003	2/27/2003		