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Dear Ian,

We have recently completed text and video reports on the "beta" installation of LinkNYC kiosks in NYC based on our two months of field survey, documentation and critical analysis.

Cryptome Report to NYC DOITT on LinkNYC Beta Part 1 (Text)  
<https://cryptome.org/2016/07/Cryptome-LinkNYC-Beta-Report-16-0724.pdf>

Cryptome Report to NYC DOITT on LinkNYC Beta Part 2 (Videos)  
[https://youtu.be/\\_Yq\\_2SRLTRQ](https://youtu.be/_Yq_2SRLTRQ)

We have submitted the reports to the New York City Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications which is overseeing the vast, multi-year "smart city" public communications system.

As you may have read 10,000 kiosks are planned for the city with about 200 installed so far in Manhattan and The Bronx. We have visited and photographed all of them under construction and completed. Based on field work and documentary research we have prepared a critical analysis of their potential benefits and harms of privacy transgression.

We assess the system appears to be the largest urban spying system in the United States and is being promoted by its sponsors, designers, manufacturers and investors as a model for smart cities worldwide without sufficient public awareness of little understood capabilities of the unprecedented array to acquire almost unrestricted data on citizen behavior through sophisticated sensors developed by Argonne National Laboratory for military and intelligence application.

For example, one of three kiosk high definition cameras will record 24x7x365 the front door of my building and street and its wi-fi access point can acquire data from about 500 of my neighbors.

This capability magnified by 10,000 for the city is extraordinary, some 5,000,000 devices could be surveilled, recorded and

archived indefinitely. Nothing like it has been deployed in NYC or perhaps any American city, although that is the advertized goal of its sponsors.

This reminds of military-grade surveillance for urban warfare, and is well beyond what has been done by closed-circuit cameras of the municipal authorities and commerce.

Best regards,

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