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Won't Snoop, G-Men Say --Again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department says its intelligence agents will stop raiding correspondents' desks in the Pentagon newsroom. That's what it said last time, too.

Reporters for Time magazine and the New York Daily News arrived at work Wednesday morning to find someone had rummaged through their desks and left a note which said:

'An inspection of this office area by the Pentagon Counter Intelligence Force revealed no violations of security regulations.'

Daniel Z. Henkin, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, told newsmen several months ago that such checks would be stopped. A spokesman said yesterday that Henkin "was very distressed" about this week's check and it "will not happen again."

Reporters say the inspections give the Defense Department access to their notes and the names of their news sources.