

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

“[I]t shall be unlawful

for a government officer or employee, in connection with the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense,

to search for or seize any work product materials

possessed by a person reasonably believed to have a purpose to

disseminate to the public

a newspaper, book, broadcast,

or other similar form of public communication[.]”

—The Privacy Protection Act of 1980
42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000aa

If your newsroom, computer, camera or any other place where you keep unpublished material is being searched, you may have the right to refuse.

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