Secret Agent Mom
Parental Control verses Teen Privacy Lesson Plan

OBJECTIVE	The objective of this lesson is for cadets to explore the meaning of privacy and having their privacy invaded by their parents.
ATTENTION STEP	Have you ever watched a spy movie?
MOTIVATION STEP	When we hear the word spy we might conger up the image of a guy dressed in a tuxedo, driving a fast sports car and saying some corny phrase like, "My name is Bond, James Bond," or maybe we envision some a sleazy character wearing a trench coat and skulking in an alley in some foreign city. Well, tonight we are going to be discussing spying. However, not the movie kind spying, rather we will be discussing parents spying on their teenagers or from the parents' perspective, monitoring their teenagers in order to protect them.
OVERVIEW	During this character development session, we will: **Read** the case study "Secret Agent Mom" **Discuss** the facts, assumptions, problems and solutions (FAPS) of the case **Answer** and discuss your responses to questions that relate to the case study, or the larger issues of respect and good manners **Record** what you've learned in your Flight Log.
BODY	The case study, "Secret Agent Mom" is located on the next page. See Part 1 for instructions on how to lead a case study.
SUMMARY	Review the high points of the discussion of this case study.
REMOTIVATION	Discuss the relationship between parents and teens. Some helpful guides can be found at the following websites: http://www.parentingadolescents.com/invadepriv.html http://life.familyeducation.com/teen/parenting/48334.html
CLOSING	"When it comes to privacy and accountability, people always demand the former for themselves and the latter for everyone else." **David Brin** "You already have zero privacy. Get over it!" **Scott McNealy** CEO Sun Microsystems **Ecclesiastes 10:20** Don't bad-mouth your leaders, not even under your breath, And don't abuse your betters, even in the privacy of your home. Loose talk has a way of getting picked up and spread around. Little birds drop the crumbs of your gossip far and wide. **(MSG)**
CORE VALUES	Integrity and Respect

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CASE STUDY

During a break between classes at the weekly meeting of the Cairo Composite Squadron a few of the cadet officers were gathered together discussing the events of their day.

Cadet Goode (17) reported, "My mom has been spying on me; I came home early from band practice and found her in my room snooping in my dresser drawers. I asked her who she thought she was, secret agent mom? Like she was violating my right to privacy you know. Well, we had a big argument about it. I guess I'll have to be more careful and hide my private stuff better in the future. "

Cadet Wynd (16) chimed in, "Yah, I get that too. My folks gave me a laptop computer for my birthday and they had a Cyber Nanny program installed on it to keep track of my internet surfing. They even check my email and Face-book account."

Cadet Fairchild (17) interjected, "You think you have it bad, my dad is a re-tired Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant and he thinks he is still on active duty. He regularly inspects my room and since he pays for my cell phone he thinks he has a right to check my text messages and all of my calls coming in and going out. When I object he says he believes in the Golden Rule, 'He who has the gold, rules."

Standing nearby, Cadet Wilcox (14) also added, "Well, even when they are home my parents would never dream of entering my room, they have too much respect for my privacy. Though our maid does see everything I have when she cleans my room and puts my clothes away. However, she would never dare saying anything about what she sees and fortunately for me she does not know anything about computers."

SOLO PILOT

1. Is there privacy in a family setting?
2. At what age do you think personal privacy should take effect?
3. Have you ever heard and what do you think of the "Golden Rule" as ex-pressed by Cadet Fairchild's father?

PILOT

1. Why do you think that parents monitor their teenagers as described in this case study?
2. How would you feel if your parents discovered something about you that you were trying to keep a secret?

TEST PILOT

1. What can you do to convince your parents / guardians to allow you more freedom and privacy?