

**Fwd: Cellebrite Response - Media Request for Comment**

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Ronald Deibert

Mon, Jan 19, 2026 at 2:17 PM

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steven George-Hilley  
**Subject:** RE: Cellebrite Response - Media Request for Comment  
**Date:** January 19, 2026 at 2:10:38 PM EST  
**To:** Ronald Deibert  
**Cc:** Siena Anstis

Dear Ronald,

Thank you for your additional questions, please see our right of reply below, please publish this in full.

Thanks

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**A Cellebrite spokesperson said:**

"Cellebrite prohibits transactions with any entity on sanction lists maintained by the U.S., EU, UK, or Israeli governments, nor those on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklist, all while operating under the oversight of the Israeli Defense Export Control Agency (DECA). Beyond these baselines, the company vets potential customers against internal human rights parameters, leading us to historically cease business in jurisdictions where risks were deemed incompatible with our corporate values. We license technology solely for lawful purposes, requiring customers to explicitly certify they possess valid legal authority prior to usage.

Spyware (like Pegasus) is malicious software that is installed on a computer or mobile device without the user's consent. Cellebrite's technologies are not used to intercept communication or gather intelligence in real-time. Rather, our tools are forensic in nature and are used to access private data only in accordance with legal due process or with appropriate consent to aid investigations legally **after** an event has occurred.

We take seriously all allegations of potential misuse of our technology in ways that would run counter to both explicit and implied conditions outlined in our end-user agreement. After a review of the allegations Cellebrite takes precise steps to investigate each claim in accordance with our ethics and integrity policies. When appropriate we stop the use of our products by the relevant customers.

More information on our Ethics and Integrity Committee can be found [here](#).

We cannot disclose specifics related to any of our customers. This necessary confidentiality protects operational security. Any substantiated use of our tools in violation of human rights or local law will result in immediate disablement.

Cellebrite strictly licenses technology for operations conducted under valid legal authority, recognizing that permissible use is governed by applicable local laws and statutory mandates.

To protect the integrity of our forensic methods, we rely on rigorous technical controls to enforce compliance and facilitate internal investigations."

**Steven George-Hilley**  
CEO

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**From:** Ronald Deibert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 January 2026 14:22  
**To:** Steven George-Hilley [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Siena Anstis [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Cellebrite Response - Media Request for Comment

Dear Mr. George-Hilley

Please find enclosed our response with additional questions.

Regards  
Ron Deibert

On Jan 15, 2026, at 3:07 AM, Steven George-Hilley [REDACTED] wrote:

You don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Ronald,

Just wanted to confirm you received this?

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**Steven George-Hilley**  
CEO

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Steven George-Hilley  
**Sent:** 12 January 2026 23:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Cellebrite Response - Media Request for Comment

Hi Ronald,

Thanks for your media request to our client Cellebrite, please see right of reply below.

Happy to be a point of contact for any future enquiries.

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**A Cellebrite Spokesperson said:**

"Ethical and lawful use of our technology is paramount to our mission of protecting nations, communities and businesses around the world.

As a global provider of digital investigation technologies, adherence to the rule of law and privacy standards are fundamental elements of all our relationships. As a matter of policy, we do not comment on specifics.

Our commitment to transparency is underlined by the fact we have a publicly declared independent [Ethics & Integrity Committee](#), which is comprised of many external industry specialists."

**Steven George-Hilley**  
CEO

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