Should the NSA monitor the activities of Congress?

The NSA’s Information Assurance mission confronts the formidable challenge of preventing foreign adversaries from gaining access to sensitive or classified national security information.

Does Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (above) have access to sensitive or classified information? Has he ever associated with the enemies of the United States?

Senator Sanders objects to NSA surveillance of America’s enemies in this 2014 letter expressing concern about the agency monitoring Congress.

The name of Bernie Sanders appears on a list of speakers at the 10th anniversary conference of the Soviet front U.S. Peace Council. Boston, Massachusetts, Nov. 10-12, 1989.
Soviet active measures: a form of political warfare designed to discredit the United States and support communist objectives and interests.

Edward J. O'Malley, Assistant Director for Intelligence, FBI, July 14, 1982:

"The Communist Party, United States of America, also has a number of front or affiliated organizations working to implement Soviet active measures. Foremost among them is the U.S. Peace Council, an affiliate of the World Peace Council. These organizations are often more effective than the CPUSA itself because the American people they are dealing with may not be aware that they are in fact fronts of the CP...the KGB has clandestinely transferred funds to the CPUSA on behalf of the CP Soviet Union. Several Soviet officials affiliated with the KGB at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the Soviet Mission to the United Nations are in regular contact with CPUSA members and officials of CPUSA front groups. They monitor CPUSA activities and transmit guidance to the CPUSA officials...In 1979...the CPUSA assigned two of its longtime members to establish a U.S. chapter of the world Peace Council...The key leadership positions in the U.S. Peace Council were given to CPUSA members."
Dear Friend,

I've been politically active all my life. I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in New Jersey, before I was old enough to vote.

Now I'd like to ask you to join me in a historic step forward in American politics. My favorite Mayor -- Bernie Sanders of Burlington, Vermont -- is running for Congress, and with our help he can win an unprecedented victory for us all.

Bernie is a unique figure in our political system. He's an unapologetic socialist who has been elected Mayor of Vermont's largest city four times. He has proved that a socialist, running as an Independent against the combined opposition of Republicans and Democrats, can be successful by speaking out for working people, the elderly and the poor.

Under Bernie's leadership, Burlington has become a vibrant, innovative city, nationally recognized for its accomplishments. The U.S. Conference of Mayors recently gave it the "Most Liveable City" award, and even the conservative U.S. News and World Report has spotlighted Bernie as one of the country's Top Twenty Mayors (December 21, 1987).

Bernie has been a leader in the struggle for peace and justice. His activism was instrumental in Vermont's strong support of the Nuclear Freeze in its town meetings in 1982. He has traveled to Nicaragua to speak out against the Reagan administration's immoral war, and to establish a Sister City relation between Burlington and Puerto Cabezas. More recently, he went to the Soviet Union to set up a Sister City program with Yaroslavl.

While socialism has a long and proud history in America, extending back to the utopian experiments of the early 1800s, it's been a long time since we've had a socialist voice in Congress. Not since Victor Berger of Milwaukee in the twenties, has the debate gone beyond the limits set by the conventional two-party system.

Having Bernie in Washington will widen out the limits of political discussion. He'll speak up loudly, as he has in Vermont, for real alternatives. He'll show that we need a pragmatic socialism to deal with the grave problems of our economic system.

Source: Trevor Loudon's KeyWiki - http://keywiki.org/index.php/Bernie_Sanders