

"Madonna? Not on the list."

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So, [Sen. Paul filibustered](#) and received [brief assurances](#) that at least there are *some* limits to the Obama administration's policy of targeted assassination. Alex Kane—in a Short Imagined Monologue, one of my favorite humor features at *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*—[spells out some others](#). I for one would be reassured if the White House actually said this:

I have to say, not only as President Obama's press secretary but also as an American citizen, that I am dismayed that all of your questions have focused on the secret list of individuals approved to be executed via drone strike. I am more than a little disappointed that none of you have asked the more optimistic question: Who is not on President Obama's kill list?

Betty White is not on the list. Bob Costas is not on the list. Do you enjoy the show *Mad Men*? No one who has ever appeared on that show is going to be taken out by this administration.

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