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In the Supreme Court of the United States

NSO GROUP TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED, ET AL.,  
PETITIONERS

v.

WHATSAPP INC., ET AL.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

BRIEF FOR THE UNITED STATES AS AMICUS CURIAE

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### QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether a nongovernmental corporation that does not come within the definition of a “foreign state” under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, 28 U.S.C. 1603(a) and (b), may nevertheless be entitled to immunity from suit as a matter of federal common law based on conduct it claims to have engaged in as an agent of a foreign state.

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