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SECURITY INDOCTRINATION
AND
SECRECY OATH

I have been informed officially that the United States Government is engaged in major technical programs to collect intelligence. These programs are concerned with overhead reconnaissance of denied areas using aircraft and space vehicles and with the collection of intelligence based on interception and decoding of foreign ciphers.

These programs are of vital importance to the national security, and any disclosures of these activities will endanger the intelligence sources. Official confirmation of such activities, under other than very carefully controlled circumstances, is precluded by present national policy, despite any level of public speculation.

The Director of Central Intelligence, charged by statute with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, has prescribed security policies of compartmented controls called:

of
(BYEMAN) for protection of research, development and operations of overhead reconnaissance equipment.

TALENT/KEYHOLE, for protection of photographic product, identified by the codeword [redacted] and for the protection of intelligence from electrical signals collected by satellites, identified by the codeword [redacted]

Communications Intelligence (COMINT), for the protection of intelligence obtained by interception and decoding of foreign ciphers, identified by the codewords [redacted] and [redacted]

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OATH OF SECRECY

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will never divulge, publish or reveal by word, conduct or by any other means any classified information concerning the intelligence sources and methods protected in the ^{of}(BYEMAN) TALENT/KEYHOLE or COMINT Channel, except in the performance of my official duties. In this regard I assume the responsibility of determining that any individual to whom I disclose such matters has been authorized to receive it. I recognize that this information is protected by law and that penalties for violations of this oath are covered under U. S. Code Title 18, Sections 792 through 798.

Clare Boothe Luce

Signature

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Member of PFIAB

Position

Robert G. Leidenheimer

Witness

1 August 1973

Date

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