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Skunk Works Mailing List

RE: Classified? was Skunk-Works Charter

From: "Clifford M Dubery"
 Subject: RE: Classified? was Skunk-Works Charter
 Date: Mon, 21 Jun 1999 13:23:31 +1000

Dennis, with my post and yours, we have demonstrated the problems associated with classifying material that may be in the public domain. I can think of another example involving "Flight International" and the Atlas ICBM.

Along with stealth, the principles of radar reflection and airborne objects is well documented and any school that teaches electronics and radio stuff would have the theory available, and I am sure, like MIT and other technical Universities, the aerodynamic application of this material to "stealth" is also published, whether it is airframe design or materials technology the point is the same.

Since, if you don't work for Uncle Sam, or in my case HMG, then writing and publishing your own original research, using your example, the design of a thermonuclear device, let's say for arguments sake it is comparable to state of the art circa 1999, then publish it, the law is only broken when the material is classified. This of course depends on how fast the No Such Agency can pick it up and run with it.

So don't deliberately publish anything that "is classified" and you will be safe from prosecution. You may not be safe from other forms of intimidation?

Clifford M Dubery OHMS not

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From: Dennis Lapcewich [mailto:Dennis.Lapcewich@unisa.edu.au]
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> I am reminded of a senior high school student physics
> assignment on nuclear
> fusion. He designed a thermo-nuclear device from all the unclassified
> material at the local university and ended up with a classified paper.
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> Does anyone remember that story, because I don't have a
> source, mid 70's I
> think?
>
> Clifford M Dubery
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>

Sherman, turn on the Way-Back machine, will ya?

If I recall correctly, The Progressive magazine
<http://www.progressive.org/>)
did a cover story back in the 70s on how to build a nuclear weapon from
available public resources. The synapses aren't all firing this morning,
but I
believe this turned into a US Supreme Court issue real fast (First Amendment
stuff) that the Progressive eventually won.

Hmm, aren't the Chinese now claiming a similar "defense" with the intrusion
at
Los Alamos using the 'net? Can I use a similar approach and post it to
the
list if I find something on the 'net that later turns out to be classified?

Dennis

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