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### Re: Project 1947 - Robert Dean

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>  
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 1997 11:02:03 -0400  
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Subject: Re: Project 1947 - Robert Dean

Just a couple of comments to add to the discussion, but much of the previous posts have been deleted for brevity. Please review the earlier postings for the complete picture.

>>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 1997 08:57:55 -0700  
>>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>  
>>Subject: Robert Dean  
>>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>>Greeting List Members,

>> To deal with Dean as a creditable person one most consider that he is >>telling us about a Top Secret document that he took an oath to safeguard. >>It was a "draftee's oath." He was a professional. It wasn't a little >>oath. And Dean himself talks about how the government is flushing the >>Constitution of the United States down the toilet. He has done the same >>to his oath to protect and defend the Constitution if what he says is >>>true.

>> So we are left with two possibilities: Dean is an oath-breaker or a >>liar. In either case not a very creditable person.

>(snip)

>>Jan Aldrich

>Hello Errol, Jan, All,

>I think the world of Jan Aldrich and all of the hard and conscientious work >that he does. But I have to take issue with him in regard to the following >statement.

>>So we are left with two possibilities: Dean is an oath-breaker or a >>liar. In either case not a very creditable person.

>Why only "two possibilities" Jan? Couldn't the man have "broken his oath" >in response to the dictates of his conscience? A soldier is not supposed to >follow an unlawful/illegal order it is a moral/judgement call and an >obligation if in answer to a higher inner authority.

While this sounds good, I'm not sure that it fits the military framework. Who is to define an "unlawfull/illegal order" in a time of war. Soldiers are primarily trained to become fighting machines, not to second guess the decisions of their superiors. In basic training the individual is transformed into a member of a fighting unit, and that usually leaves little room for contemplation of "higher inner authority". We are talking about people trained to kill when ordered to do so, and while the technology is more advanced, the goal is still the same.

With that being said, the question of whether Dean should be taken to task for disclosing information after the fact is perhaps a bit different. If Dean is telling the truth, and I have no reason to doubt his word, then he is technically an "oath breaker" and could face prosecution. On the other hand, it is unlikely that the military would lend credibility to his story by taking legal action. History, in the end, will be written by the victors in this matter and that will define how his actions are viewed by those that follow.

Steve

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