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### Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 11:44:08 -0500  
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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST  
To: [Updates@Globalserve.net](mailto:Updates@Globalserve.net)  
Subject: Keeping Secrets

Jim Mortellaro wrote:

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 1999 12:14:52 EST  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 08:51:03 -0500  
>Subject: Keeping Secrets

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>I was, in 1970, working on a project called NAGS. This was the  
>acronym for Naval Advanced Guidance System. It was one of the  
>means by which a Polaris Poseiden warhead would guide itself  
>towards target(s), as these were MIRV or multiple warheads.

>The security at the facility was very, very strict. You needed a  
>top secret clearance just to get into the work area. And that  
>work area was guarded 24 hours a day. Beyond the human  
>security, you needed a special badge and code access to get  
>thru the door.

>If there was anything about this project that was critical, it  
>was security. About three months after I became one of the  
>Electro-Optics engineers on the project, and after numerous  
>security briefings by the military, by the project management,  
>by the company reps, by everybody, an article appeared in  
>Aviation Week and Space Technology which outlined exactly what  
>this project was all about ...

That's why it's called "Aviation Leak".

>... including the top secret portions, which threatened corporeal  
>[sic] punishment and a cruel death to anyone on the project  
>who leaked information, even by accident.

Does Mr. Mortellaro expect us to take this statement at face value,  
or is it a joke? "Corporal punishment and a cruel death" for  
accidental leaking of information?

Jim, can you cite one single documented instance in which

punishments such as this have been authorized or applied in the United States of America? I'm obviously not talking about the Rosenberg spy case, or the execution of NAZI agents during World War II. Please be specific with as many examples as you can find, or cite the applicable section of U.S. law authorizing such things.

On the other hand, just since the end of the Cold War there have been a number of widely publicized real spy cases involving even such things as our wartime nuclear target list and sub operations codes where people have received prison terms. None have received "corporeal punishment" or "cruel deaths". The old KGB, on the other hand, was rumored to have thrown Soviet citizens who were our double agents, alive, into a basement furnace at Lubyanka Prison in Moscow.

Bob Young

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