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### Re: Keeping Secrets

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 99 12:11:13 Pst  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 21:15:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Roger Evans <[moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com](mailto:moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 21:37:17 +0000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>From: Scott Carr <[sardonica@erols.com](mailto:sardonica@erols.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 13:12:04 -0800  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1999 16:24:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

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

>>>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?

>Scott points out:

>>.... one example  
>>which I have personally witnessed is the simple fact that the  
>>warning signs at the military border of Area 51 clearly state  
>>"Use of deadly force authorized."  
>  
> <snip>

>>The simple fact that there is a sign which declares the right to  
>>use deadly force should be evidence enough for the military's  
>>position regarding the protection of their own privacy. As far  
>>as I know, although it is authorized, deadly force has never  
>>been used or even attempted along the border of America's most  
>>popular secret base.

>It hasn't happened to me or anyone else that I know, plus it's  
>not the known policy of the US government. Therefore, it doesn't  
>happen.

>The obvious flaw in this logic is to suggest that it can't  
>happen to the many if it's not known to have happened to the  
>one. The key phrase here is "known to have happened".

Guys,

I think it is fair to ask for specific examples here. While our  
government, like every government, has abused its power on  
occasion, that abuse tends to get exposed sooner or later,  
careers get ruined, and in extreme cases people go to prison.  
I don't think this sort of paranoia -- it's hard to think of  
another word for it -- does much for anybody except maybe

recruiters for the militia movement. It's possible to keep a healthily skeptical view of government and to be properly critical when it does wrong without going over the edge here.

Jerry Clark

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