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Re: Keeping Secrets

From: Roger Evans <moviestuff@cyberjunkie.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 1999 22:16:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Jan 1999 05:06:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>From: Jerome Clark <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>
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalseve.net>
>>Subject: Re: Keeping Secrets

>>>From: Scott Carr <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>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 1999 23:26:59 EST
>>>>To: Updates@Globalserve.net
>>>>Subject: Keeping Secrets

Previously, Scott had pointed 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."

I added what I felt was a common train of thought among doubters:

>>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".

Jerry offers:

>I think it is fair to ask for specific examples here.

Hi Jerry,

It's fair if you know that the information is readily available.

If you know that the very nature of the subject precludes the availability of that info, then it's faulty logic to say, "There. You can't prove it, so it never happened!"

I do tend to agree with Bob Young that it does get really old to hear about "oaths of secrecy" preventing people from telling all they know. On the other hand, as an old military man once told me, there's a reason they call it "spilling your guts". <G>

>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.

The thing you are leaving out is that people do get hurt, Jerry. Sure, maybe the bad guys eventually get exposed. But that only means that WHILE it was happening it was a secret activity; which is what this discussion is all about. They never PLAN on getting caught. Most importantly, just because we catch a few does not mean that we've caught them all.

>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.

I suppose. But I don't think the sign at Area 51 will ever read:

"Use of Really Harsh Words Authorized" <G>

Later,

Roger Evans

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