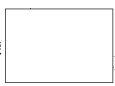


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**SECURITY AGREEMENT**

I acknowledge that I have been briefed on the HOLD Program, and that by virtue of this briefing I have been the recipient of information relating to a highly classified program of the United States Government.

I have been advised that due to the nature of this activity and the maximum presidential authority placed upon security accomplishment, extreme security measures and controls will be extended to protect program information. Therefore, access to the actual program and related information is strictly limited, and approval for access is granted only when it can be demonstrated that the individual will directly further the program and/or provide needed support. Receipt of this briefing does not automatically authorize unlimited access to all HOLD information.

In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding of the security factors involved, everyone cleared for access to any portion of HOLD receives this briefing. HOLD information will not be disseminated without the prior approval of the Project Director, and there is to be no reference to HOLD with other than HOLD cleared personnel. It is my sole responsibility to determine the clearance status of any individual with whom I discuss HOLD.

Having reviewed the above, I hereby accept the responsibility to handle information concerning or derived from HOLD in accordance with the security measures established, and which have been fully explained to me. I will advise the briefing official of any change in my official status so as to permit his review and, where necessary, effect an appropriate change in my clearance status.

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THE HOLD PROGRAM

Project HOLD is an ELINT collection system, utilizing an earth satellite as the collector. The program is sponsored by and carried out under the auspices of the United States Navy. The Director of Naval Intelligence has been appointed Project Director and given overall responsibility for the project by the President of the United States. A Technical Operations Group (TOG), composed of representatives of the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Naval Security Group, the Naval Research Laboratory, and the National Security Agency, exists to advise the Project Director in all phases of Project HOLD.

To date, two ELINT satellites have been placed in orbit under this project. The first successfully collected ELINT data in the 2500-3250 megacycle range (C-band) over Europe, the Soviet Union, and Asia. The second is currently collecting ELINT data in the L-band over the same general areas.

Both of these satellites indicate only the time at which each individual radar pulse is intercepted. From this information, it has been possible to extract the RFP of individual radar illuminations of the satellite, and to correlate separate illuminations from the same emitter and find the scan rates for the individual emitters.

[redacted] has also been found; however, locating single-beam, regularly scanning radars appears to be impossible in the vast majority of cases.

Project HOLD was originally designed to test the feasibility of ELINT collection by satellite. The feasibility has been proven beyond doubt, and in addition a large volume of operational intelligence has been provided. Most significant, perhaps, is the ability to collect ELINT information in areas of the China-Soviet bloc which are completely inaccessible to all other collection systems.

Discrimination of HOLD information (either information regarding the program itself, or intelligence information which might reveal the satellite intercept system) is made only to persons who have been officially briefed on and cleared for access to Project HOLD. The briefing and clearance alone do not have the effect of authorizing free and unlimited access to HOLD information. The divulging of any individual fact concerning Project HOLD will be determined by two criteria, both of which must be met. These are:

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(a) the recipient must have received this briefing and have been cleared for access to ROLD, and

(b) he must have a valid and demonstrable need to know the individual fact to be divulged.

Each person who is briefed on this problem is individually responsible for maintaining the security thereof, and for ensuring that both of the above criteria are met prior to divulging any information concerning this project to another. By executive order of the President of the United States, the Project Director is responsible for determining who shall obtain clearance for ROLD.

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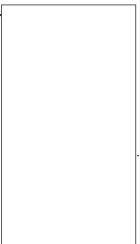
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1. It is with great satisfaction that I note the successful execution of the one hundredth mission of Project GRAB II. As this milestone as Project Director I take this opportunity to extend a well done and my sincere appreciation to all personnel who have contributed in anyway to the overall success of this project. RADM V. L. LOWRANCE, USN. SCF-1.

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