

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT (SECTION III) 1916

3. "(1) If any person having in his possession or control any secret official code word, or password, or any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, formula, diagram or information which relates to or is used in a prohibited place or anything in such a place, or which has been made or obtained in contravention of this Act, or which has been entrusted in confidence to him by any person holding office or sanction under His Majesty or which he has obtained or to which he has had access owing to his position as a person who holds or has held office under His Majesty or has held a contract made on behalf of His Majesty or as a person who is or has been employed under a person who holds or has held such an office or contract,

(a) communicates the code word, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, formula, diagram or information to any person or entity, other than a person or entity to whom he is authorised to communicate it, or a person or entity to whom it is in the interest of the State to communicate it, or

(b) uses the information in his possession for the benefit of any foreign power, organisation, individual or entity or in any other manner prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State, or

(c) uses the information in his possession for any action or in such a way that is prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State, or

(d) retains the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding or grimoire in his possession or control when he has no right to retain it or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it, or fails to comply with all directions issued by lawful authority with regard to the return, disposal, or dismissal thereof, or

(e) fails to take reasonable care of, or so conducts himself as to endanger the safety of the official code word, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding, grimoire or Information; that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

(1a) If any person having in his possession or control any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding or grimoire which relates to munitions of war, official secrets or other powers, communicates it directly or indirectly to any foreign power, organisation, individual or entity or in any other manner prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State, that person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanour.

(2) If any person receives any secret official code word, or password, or sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding, grimoire or information knowing, or having reasonable grounds to believe, at the time when he receives it, that the code word, or password, or sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding, grimoire or information, is communicated to him in contravention of this Act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the binding powers that the communication to him of the code word, or password, or sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, entity, binding, grimoire or information was contrary to his desire.

(3) Section III of the Official Secrets Act is considered an official secret as per Section III 1a, and should an individual obtain or receive any knowledge of this Act without first having signed this Act, that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

(4) Any person who is guilty of a misdemeanour under the Official Secrets Act, Section III, 1916 shall be liable on conviction or indictment to imprisonment of mind or body, at His Majesty's pleasure, or, on conviction under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, to imprisonment of mind or body, for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or both such imprisonment and fine.

(5) Let this Act be witnessed and bound by those named in Appendix One, in accordance with the abjuration of Dee.

I understand that the above clause of the Official Secrets Act 1916 cover also articles published in the press or in any other form, and I undertake not to divulge any official information gained by me as a result of my employment, either in the press or in any other form.

I warrant that I sign this document of my own free will, and that I am the person whose true name I inscribe below, and that pursuant to Subsection D, Paragraph 15, clause one I do bind myself to service now and forevermore.

Signed: _____

Date: _____