

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OF

SECURITY INDOCTRINATION

I acknowledge that I have been officially informed that the United States Government is engaged in a major program of overhead reconnaissance of denied areas, utilizing aircraft and space vehicles as are appropriate to the circumstances.

I understand that this program is of vital importance to the national security and that official confirmation of the activity, under other than very carefully controlled circumstances, is precluded by national policy, despite any level of public speculation.

I have been advised that strict security has been applied to the program under policies prescribed by the Director of Central Intelligence. Procedures implemented under these policies involve two special systems of security control: (1) [redacted] for protection of details related to research and development and operation of the reconnaissance equipments, and (2) TALENT/KEYHOLE, for protection of the intelligence products of the program and the fact of overhead reconnaissance as revealed therein.

I have been advised that access to various compartmented projects and resulting intelligence products included within the [redacted] TALENT/KEYHOLE security systems, is controlled under a very strictly enforced "need-to-know" principle and that access is not granted merely as a matter of courtesy or in deference to rank or position. I have been informed that the offices of the Director of Central Intelligence will assist in the establishment of procedures within my department, to insure that the appropriate degree of security protection is afforded information related to the program. I understand that under these procedures, I will be able to ascertain the identities of other individuals approved for access, as well as to obtain whatever other advice and guidance I may require concerning the security of the program as it affects the activities of my department.

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WITNESS [redacted]

DATE 19 Nov 68

SIGNED John P. Ehrlichman

POSITION Staff of the President-elect

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John P. Ehrlichman

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