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National Security Agency
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Fax: 443-479-3612 (Attn: FOIA/PA Office)
Online FOIA Request Form

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This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by this office on 5 February 2016 for “A digital/electronic copy of the NSA old security posters from the 1950s and 1960s.” For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an “all other” requester. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. Since processing fees were minimal, no fees are being assessed.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA and the documents you requested are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosure.

Information which would reveal NSA/CSS functions and activities and names of NSA/CSS employees have been deleted from the enclosure. These deletions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

Since these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency’s appeal procedures. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax or electronic delivery (email) and addressed to:

  NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
  National Security Agency
  9800 Savage Road STE 6932
  Fort George G. Meade, MD  20755-6932
  The facsimile number is (443)479-3612.
  The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is FOIARSC@nsa.gov

- The request must be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe this partial denial was unwarranted.
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Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
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College Park, MD 20740  
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(202) 741-5770  
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

JOHN R. CHAPMAN  
Chief, FOIA/PA Office  
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encls:  
a/s
SECURITY

WEBSTER GIVES IT DEFINITION -

THE WORLD GIVES IT IMPLICATION -

YOU GIVE IT MEANING & STABILITY.

Remember the word - SECURITY
it isn't new... but it's up to YOU

SECURITY
"PEACE ON EARTH...
TO MEN OF GOOD WILL."

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SECURITY MEANS THIS AND MORE

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

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security is no laugh-in matter.
Now is the time...

Reap the Satisfaction of Doing Your Part in Protecting Our National Security

Plant Security Consciousness in Your Own Mind
Cultivate Security Consciousness in the Minds of Others
Vacation Time!

SECURITY MEANS THIS

...AND MORE

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is your job, too

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BEWARE
The Truce of the Bear

When he stands up as pleading, in wavering, man-brute guise,
When he veils the hate and cunning of his little swinish eyes;
When he shows as seeking quarter, with paws like hands in prayer,
That is the time of peril - the time of the Truce of the Bear!

- Rudyard Kipling
Don't Fumble...

Security is in your hands!
No Trick to Security
IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE
NSA SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM
SECURITY... COMPANION OF LIBERTY.
BE SURE TO VOTE

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He can relax...
YOU CAN'T!

SECURITY takes no holiday

DEC 26
Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants.

— William Penn
SECURITY FOR THE SEVENTIES

LET'S GET IT ALL TOGETHER.

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Season's Greetings

Remember SECURITY TAKES NO HOLIDAY

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Don't TALK yourself to death!
The time to guard against corruption and tyranny is before they have gotten a hold on us.

Thomas Jefferson
A word to remember

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

LOCK ALL SAFES
That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people by the people for the people shall not perish from the earth.
REDUCE EXTRA COPIES

INCREASE SECURITY

DECREASE COST
Their plans for tomorrow depend on SECURITY TODAY!
Don't depend on LUCK

Only YOU can MAKE SECURITY WORK!
Complicated?

Security is no puzzle. It's just common sense.
PUT SECURITY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS

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Something to think about...

SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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WE FORGET THESE THINGS TOO SOON...

That other men died to keep us free
That Christian ideals created freedom
That our children cannot live by bread alone
That a nation can be no stronger than its faith
Before you worry about OUTER SPACE

worry about THIS SPACE
WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO EARTH...

DON'T LEAVE SECURITY UP IN THE AIR!
...and Don’t Forget Security
A SCRAP OF PAPER

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Any way you look at it...

SECURITY

IS

YOUR

RESPONSIBILITY
FULL SECURITY

EVERY MINUTE...

EVERY MAN

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"TO EACH GENERATION COMES ITS PATRIOTIC DUTY, AND UPON YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE AND ENDURE, AS THOSE BEFORE YOU HAVE SACRIFICED AND ENDURED, RESTS THE NATIONAL HOPE."

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES
I want it clearly understood that this government will not hesitate in meeting its primary obligations which are to the Security of Our Nation.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, President

United States of America

April 20, 1961
WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO LIBERATE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL UNDER THE SPELL OF THIS RELIGIOUS OPIATE.

~ Nikita Khrushchev
IF YOU WOULD LOCK A SECRET FROM YOUR ENEMY
FIRST TURN THE KEY UPON YOUR FRIEND. — A CHINESE PROVERB
Season's Greetings

P.S...
Don't forget Security during the Holidays

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WE'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

Security is my responsibility
SILENCE TOO IS GOLDEN

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"In the last analysis security is a very personal matter... security and all that it means is in your hands."

—Hubert H. Humphrey
LIBERTY... SECURITY

WAY OF LIFE...

Your RESPONSIBILITY
Seasons Change
...The need for Security doesn't
Mona only smiles about her secrets.

Keep smiling.
TAKE TIME...
to be sure
SECURE!

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WHY SERVE IT TO THEM ON A SILVER PLATTER?

MEMORIZE COMBINATIONS.
Guard THIS HERITAGE

SILENCE IS YOUR WEAPON
SECURITY TODAY

OR THEY RIDE TOMORROW!
THERE'S NOTHING OLD FASHIONED about SECURITY.
Peace on Earth
with God's help is in your hands
...REMEMBER!

If you your lips would keep from slips,

five things observe with care:

of what you speak, to whom you speak,

and how and when and where.

In Short...

KEEP A CLOTHES-PIN ON YOUR LIPS

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A GOOD RECORD...

WIND UP WITH NO SECURITY VIOLATIONS

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LET SECURITY LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
SECURITY - from start to finish!
PRACTICE makes PERFECT

Aim for-NO SECURITY VIOLATIONS!
Security indifference causes security violations.
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE EYE OF THE ENEMY!

BE SECURITY WISE
On the job

Off the job

SECURITY is up to you

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Guard AGAINST...

SECURITY VIOLATIONS
Keep Your Security Program On Track
every litter bit hurts
DON'T BLOW YOUR CLEARANCE MIND ON DRUGS.
SECURITY IS A STATE OF MIND

...THINK ABOUT IT
if there's one word for security...

Mum's The Word!
make security your thing
ALCOHOLISM
shortens the abuser's life-span by 10 to 12 years

PRIVATE PROBLEM / PUBLIC MENACE

BESIDES HAVING A SHORTENED LIFE EXPECTANCY, THE ALCOHOLIC IS ROUGHLY TWICE AS LIKELY TO DEVELOP HYPERTENSION, ULCERS, OR CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE, 29 TIMES AS LIKELY TO DEVELOP CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER, AND 58 TIMES AS APT TO COMMIT SUICIDE AS THE NON-ALCOHOLIC. MOREOVER, AN ESTIMATED 28,000 AUTOMOBILE DEATHS EACH YEAR INVOLVE DRINKING DRIVERS, AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, CAUSES ALMOST HALF OF ALL THE CRIMES IN THIS COUNTRY.
TRAVELING ABROAD?
FIRST CONSULT SECURITY
Christmas...
a hush settles o'er the world

Keep the Christmas spirit year round

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ALL YEAR LONG SECURITY DEPENDS ON YOU
SECURITY...

IS EVERYBODY'S BAG.
SECURITY TOO, REQUIRES THOUGHT

IT'S YOUR MOVE
SNOOPER BOWL
Security is always in Season
THIS WEEK...
EVERY WEEK...
DON'T BE SECURITY WEAK
“GIVE YOUR BEST 
TO YOUR 
JOB 
AND YOUR 
COUNTRY”

OUR COUNTRY’S SECURITY DEPENDS ON YOU
These are only locks...

You are the KEY to security
SECURITY...

THE BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PROMOTES GOOD SECURITY
IN YOUR

DO NOT DISCUSS

CLASSIFIED BUSINESS

OUTSIDE AUTHORIZED AREAS

SECURITY GUARDS

The guard force and security patrol are the first bulwarks of security. They are the guardians at the gate, autostop, and the instruction of outsiders who have no legitimate business within our installations.

Neither newcomers nor old employees should make the mistake of taking the guards for granted. They are hired for service and to help you at any time. Your guards are operating an area which is partly a public place and partly the private property of the military establishment.

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A Message of Importance

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When you are in a public place such as a refuse area, hospital, bar, hotel, public area, bus or any other public area, you must be alert to any suspicious action. You must also be alert to any suspicious activity.

Your obligation to security at your place of work does not end when you walk through the gate homeward bound each day.

Therefore, when you are away from work, at all times you must keep your knowledge of our operations entirely to yourself. This is particularly true when you are traveling or are among total strangers.

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Need to Know

The name of the game is "security." This is the key word to remember. It is the only key word to remember. It is the only key word to remember.

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A Reminder of Our Responsibility

“If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep...”

From poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae.
GUARD
AGAINST
LOOSE TALK
VIGILANCE UNVEILS ESPIONAGE

One hot morning in the summer of 1962, a fourteen-year-old newspaper delivery boy had just received fifty cents in change from a customer in an apartment building in Brooklyn, New York. While walking down the stairs, the change slipped from his hand and dropped on the skatetree. When the newsboy looked down, he noticed that one of the nickels had split in half. Picking up the pieces he discovered that one of them contained a piece of microfilm.

The newsboy turned the hollow coin over to the police and was commended for his quick action. The New York Police gave the coin to the FBI and it eventually helped to lead to the downfall of the top Soviet agent in the United States: Colonel Rudolf Ivanovich Abel.

Notify your Office of Security immediately in the event that information comes to your attention which points to the existence of actual or threatened espionage, sabotage or subversion. Our national security depends upon your highest degree of vigilance.
DON'T BE TEMPTED BY AN EAGER EAR!

PRACTICE NEED TO KNOW
YOUR SECURITY OFFICER TAKES THE GUESSWORK OUT OF SECURITY!
Classified Information
Also Requires Special Handling

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ONE MAN'S TRASH CAN BE ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE!
D. I. D. IS NOW IN OPERATION.

FOR ALL CALLS TO NSA DIAL THE PREFIX "688" AND THEN YOUR NON-SECURE PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER.

USE D. I. D. WHEN YOU CALL NSA, AND ADVISE YOUR CALLERS TO USE IT.

CALLS TO NSA OLD TELEPHONE NUMBER MAY RESULT IN DELAYS AND LOST CALLS.

REMEMBER D. I. D. IS NOT A SECURE SYSTEM.

Memorandum to all

personal:
DID also means
Dont Incidentally
Disclose
Classified Information

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Secrets must be protected
BE A TIGER FOR SECURITY IN '67
take a positive approach to security
WHEREVER YOU GO...

TAKE EXTRA CARE TRANSPORTING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

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SHAPE UP and SHIP OUT ALL OUTDATED RECORDS
LOOSE TALK

... IS FOR THE BIRDS

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Planning Foreign Travel?

consult security
there are 52 security weeks in a year
"on guard" with security

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SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY
IS WORTH REPEATING REPEATING REPEATING

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one good turn deserves another...

another, and another!
SO RIGHT TOGETHER

LIKE CLEARANCE AND NEED TO KNOW

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LOCK BEEFLE WEE YOL 68!

a security footnote for 68!