

APPENDIX I

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF  
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON APPOINTMENT

My attention has been drawn to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, as amended by the Official Secrets Act, 1920, which are set out on the reverse of this document, and I am fully aware of the serious consequences which may follow any breach of such provisions.

I understand that the Sections of the Official Secrets Acts, 1911 and 1920, set out on the reverse of this document, cover also articles published in the Press and in book form, and I undertake not to divulge any information gained by me as a result of my employment to any unauthorised person either civilian or member of H.M. Forces, verbally or in writing, without the previous sanction of

I understand also that

these provisions apply not only during the period of employment but also after employment with the Department has ceased (and/or after I have left the (Royal Navy  
Army  
Royal Air Force).

Witnessed *H. J. Jones. K. J. ...*

Signed *P. F. Restorick*

Date *5th May 1947*



OFFICIAL SECRETS ACTS 1911 and 1920

Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 provides as follows:-

"2 (1) If any person having in his possession or control any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, 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 under His Majesty or which he has obtained owing to his position as a person who holds or has held office under His Majesty, or as a person who holds 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 sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information to any person, other than a person to whom he is authorised to communicate it, or a person to whom it is in the interest of the State his duty to communicate it, or

(b) retains the sketch, plan, model, article, note, or document in his possession or control when he has no right to retain it or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it:

that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

(2) If any person receives any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information, knowing, or having reasonable ground to believe, at the time when he receives it, that the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information is communicated to him in contravention of this Act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, unless he proves that the communication to him of the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information was contrary to his desire."

Section 1 (2) and (3) of the Official Secrets Act 1920 provides as follows:-

"(2) If any person -

(a) retains for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State any official document, whether or not completed or issued for use, when he has no right to retain it, or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it, or fails to comply with any directions issued by any Government Department or any person authorised by such department with regard to the return or disposal thereof; or

(b) allows any other person to have possession of any official document issued for his use alone, or communicates any secret official code word or pass word so issued, or, without lawful authority or excuse, has in his possession any official document or secret official code word or pass word issued for the use of some person other than himself, or on obtaining possession of any official document by finding or otherwise, neglects or fails to restore it to the person or authority by whom or for whose use it was issued, or to a police constable; or

(c) without lawful authority or excuse, manufactures or sells, or has in his possession for sale any such die, seal or stamp as aforesaid;

he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour."