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EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR OR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR OR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT, FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE GENERAL DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION RELATIVE THERETO,

DECLASSIFIED CERTAIN VITAL MILITARY AND NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

WHICH ARE NOW CLASSIFIED, AS

WHEREAS section 1 of the act of January 12, 1938, 52 Stat. 3, provides:

"That, whenever, in the interests of national defense, the President shall define certain vital military and naval installations or equipment as requiring protection against the general dissemination of information relative thereto, it shall be unlawful to make any photography, sketch, picture, drawing, map, or graphical representation of such vital military and naval installations or equipment without first obtaining permission of the commanding officer of the military or naval post, camp, or station concerned, or higher authority, and promptly submitting the product obtained to such commanding officer or higher authority for censorship or such other action as he may deem necessary. Any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the foregoing statutory provisions, and in effectuation of the purposes of the said act of January 12, 1938, I hereby define the following as vital military and naval installations or equipment requiring protection against the general dissemination of information relative thereto:

1. All military or naval installations and equipment which are now classified, designated, and marked under the authority or at the direction of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy as "secret", "confidential", or "restricted", and all military or naval installations and equipment which may hereafter be so classified, designated, and marked with the approval or at the direction of the President, and located within:

(a) Any military or naval reservation, post, arsenal, proving ground, range, airfield, camp, fort, yard, station, district, or area.

(b) Any defensive sea area heretofore or hereafter established and existing under authority of section 44 of the United States Criminal Code, as amended by the act of March 4, 1917, 39 Stat. 1194 (U.S.C., title 18, sec. 96).

(c) Any airspace reservation heretofore or hereafter established and existing under authority of section 4 of the Air Commerce Act of 1926 (44 Stat. 570, U.S.C., title 49, sec. 174).

(d) Any naval harbor closed to foreign vessels.

(e) Any area required for fleet purposes.

(f) Any commercial establishment engaged in the development or manufacture of military or naval arms, munitions, equipment, designs, ships, or vessels for the United States Army or Navy.

2. All military or naval aircraft, weapons, ammunition, vehicles, ships, vessels, instruments, engines, manufacturing machinery, tools, devices, or any other equipment whatsoever, in the possession of the Army or Navy, or in the course of experimentation, development, manufacture, or delivery for the Army or Navy,

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which are now classified, designated, and marked under the authority or at the direction of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy as "secret", "confidential", or "restricted", and all such articles, materials, or equipment which may hereafter be so classified, designated, and marked with the approval or at the direction of the President.

All official military or naval books, pamphlets, documents, reports, maps, charts, plans, designs, models, drawings, photographs, contracts, or specifications which are now worked under the authority or at the direction of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy as "Secret", "Confidential", or "Restricted", and all such articles or equipment which may hereafter be so marked with the approval of, at the direction of, the President.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE
APRIL 22, 1940.

It is requested that all persons who travel in or about the Panama Canal, do not do so in possession of any camera, or (b) take any photographs, drawings, sketches, maps, or general representation of any of the islands of the Panama Canal, or of any portion of any such land, or of any other object or subject to any such land, or (c) submit as evidence written or upon any document any photograph, drawing, sketch, map, or general representation of any of the Panama Canal, and especially including the portions of the Canal now held by the United States. The intent of (a), (b) and (c) is to prohibit the Panama Canal (b) shall refer to the beginning of such activities with reference to both ends thereof, or when the beginning of such by the completion of the Canal, or otherwise, to the completed end thereof, or (c), when such activities shall commence in the Canal area, and a written note shall be filed with the Commandant of the original port where he will be present during the period in which the Canal is completed, and (b) shall during such period take no photographs, in connection with the Canal authorities, or any of its employees or agents or machines, or any part of the Canal system in the waters of the Canal, or any photographs, sketches, pictures, drawings, maps, or general representations made in connection with the Canal authorities; but those provisions shall not apply in the respects to any person who has obtained permission as provided in this paragraph. Any person who fails to observe any provision of this paragraph shall be liable to a fine of \$100.00 or less than \$100.00.

March 23, 1930.

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