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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**S. 805****IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

MARCH 30 (legislative day, MARCH 16), 1945

Mr. THOMAS of Utah introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs

**A BILL**

To insure further the military security of the United States by preventing disclosures of information secured through official sources.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That whoever, by virtue of his employment by or perform-
- 4 ance of services for the United States or by virtue of his
- 5 service in the armed forces of the United States, having
- 6 obtained, or having had custody of, access to, or knowledge
- 7 of (1) any information concerning the nature, preparation,
- 8 or use of any code, cipher, or cryptographic or cryptanalytical
- 9 system of the United States or any foreign government, or
- 10 (2) any information concerning the design, construction, use,

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(for security)*

1 maintenance, or repair of any device, apparatus, or appliance  
2 used or prepared or planned for use by the United States  
3 or any foreign government for cryptographic or cryptanalytic  
4 purpose, or (3) any material which has been, or purports to  
5 have been, prepared or transmitted in or by the use of any  
6 code, cipher, or cryptographic system of the United States  
7 or any foreign government, or (4) any information con-  
8 cerning the cryptographic or cryptanalytic activities of the  
9 United States or any foreign government, or (5) any infor-  
10 mation which has been or purports to have been derived from  
11 cryptanalysis of messages transmitted by the United States  
12 or any foreign government, shall, without authorization by  
13 the head of the department or agency by which such person  
14 was employed or in which he performed services at the time  
15 when he had custody of or access to or obtained knowledge  
16 of the above-described information or material, communicate,  
17 furnish, or transmit to another or publish any such infor-  
18 mation or material, shall be fined not more than \$10,000,  
19 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both. Authoriza-  
20 tions, as herein provided, shall be granted only in accordance  
21 with regulations prescribed by the President.

22 SEC. 2. Whoever, by virtue of his employment by or  
23 performance of services for any foreign government or by  
24 virtue of his service in the armed forces of any foreign gov-  
25 ernment, having obtained, or having had custody of access

1 to, or knowledge of (1) any information concerning the  
2 nature, preparation, or use of any code, cipher, or crypto-  
3 graphic or cryptanalytical system of the United States, or  
4 (2) any information concerning the design, construction,  
5 use, maintenance, or repair of any device, apparatus, or  
6 appliance used or prepared or planned for use by the United  
7 States for cryptographic or cryptanalytic purpose, or (3)  
8 any material which has been, or purports to have been, pre-  
9 pared or transmitted in or by the use of any code, cipher, or  
10 cryptographic system of the United States, or (4) any in-  
11 formation concerning the cryptographic or cryptanalytic  
12 activities of the United States, or (5) any information which  
13 has been or purports to have been derived from cryptanalysis  
14 of messages transmitted by the United States, shall, without  
15 joint authorization by the Secretary of State, the Secretary  
16 of War, and the Secretary of the Navy communicate, furnish,  
17 or transmit to another or publish any such information or  
18 material, shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned  
19 not more than ten years, or both.

20 SEC. 3. The term "foreign government" as used herein  
21 includes any person or persons acting or purporting to act  
22 for or on behalf of any military or naval force, faction, party,  
23 department, agency, or bureau of or within a foreign country,  
24 or for or on behalf of any government or any person or  
25 persons purporting to act as a government within a foreign

1 country, whether or not such government is recognized by  
2 the United States.

3 SEC. 4. (a) The term "cryptographic" as used herein  
4 includes any code, cipher, secret writing, deception, mechan-  
5 ical or electrical device, or other method used to disguise  
6 or conceal the meaning of any communication.

7 (b) The term "cryptanalytic" as used herein includes  
8 all methods of interception and all methods of obtaining  
9 information of the contents of cryptographic communication.

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