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- c. Failing to safeguard information affecting national defense. -Whoever having been given, or having obtained, or having had custody of, access to, or knowledge of (1) any officially classified document or information affecting the national defense; or (2) any officially classified device, apparatus, or appliance employed in the national defense; or (3) the contents of any officialy classified message of the United States Government or any foreign government, (a) discloses the document, information, or message to any person not authorized to have it, or (b) uses the information, document, or message in a manner prejudicial to the safety or interests of the United States or for the benefit of any foreign power to the detriment of the United States, or (c) retains any document or other matter of the categories described under (1), (2), or (3) above, when he has no right to retain it or when it is contrary to the safety or interests of the United States for him to retain it, or (d) fails to comply with all directives issued by lawful authority with regard to the return or disposal thereof, or (e) fails to take reasonable care of, or so conducts himself as to endanger the safety of any document or other matter of the categories described under (1), (2), or (3) above, shall (i) in the case of matter officially classified "restricted", be fined not more than \$1000 or imprisoned not more than two years or both; (11) in the case of matter officially classified "confidential", be fined not more than \$5000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both; and (iii) in the case of matter officially classified "secret" or higher, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.
- SEC. 2. The release to the public of any classified information or matter of the categories described under items (1), (2), or (3) of Section 1 shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President.

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SEC. 3-On a prosecution under Sec. 1 or 2 above, it shall not be necessary to show that the accused person willfully violated any provisions thereof, and notwithstanding that no such willful violation is proved against him, he may be convicted if, from the proved circumstances of the case, or his proved conduct, it appears that he was grossly negligent in conforming to the provisions of Sec. 1 and 2 above.

SEC 2.-Whoever receives any officially classified document or information affecting the national defense, or any officially classified article employed in the national defense, knowing, or having reasonable ground to believe, at the time when he receives it, that the document, information, or article is given to him in contravention of Sec. 1 of this Act, and having so received the classified matter uses it in a manner prejudicial to the safety or interests of the United States or for the benefit of any foreign power to the detriment of the United States, shall (i) in the case of matter officially classified "restricted", be fined not more than \$1000 or imprisoned not more than two years or both; (ii) in the case of matter officially classified "confidential", be fined not more than \$5000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both; and (111) in the case of matter officially classified "secret" or higher, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

The release to the public of any classified information or matter of the categories described under items (1), (2), or (3) of Section 1 shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President.