ESPIONAGE

YOUR ROLE IN KEEPING OUR NATION’S INFORMATION SAFE

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Although money is usually involved, the motives for committing espionage are far more complex than just greed. Many convicted spies have identified other motivational factors that led them to espionage, such as: anger or disgruntlement towards their employer, financial need, ego enhancement, and ideology.

Spies do get caught, but often only after much damage has already been done. The impact on family, friends, coworkers, and national security is devastating.

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$ Keeping It Real

One of your closest friends from college is a naturalized U.S. citizen, but he still maintains close ties to family, friends, and former colleagues in China. While the two of you are out for a drink one evening, you confide that you are financially strapped due to your recent divorce. He offers to help you out financially in exchange for providing him with the specifications to your company’s latest technological innovation.
Espionage is never a victimless crime.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY/

- **Stay alert.** Recognize that situational stressors and personality characteristics often lead people to commit espionage. Early intervention in a personal crisis could save someone from making the worst decision of their life.

- Potential espionage indicators:
  - **Drastic changes** in behavior, demeanor, or work habits
  - **Unexplained affluence**
  - **Financial hardship**
  - **Excessive spending** or excessive debt
  - **Inappropriate use** of photocopy, computer, or printer equipment
  - **Attempts to circumvent** security procedures
  - **Unreported foreign national associations**
  - Excessive and/or unreported foreign travel
  - **After-hours access to buildings** and classified material
  - **Substance abuse**
  - **Unauthorized removal** of classified material
As an affiliate of the Intelligence Community, you play an important role in protecting our Nation and its intelligence. In order to safeguard classified and sensitive information, there are four terms with which you need to be familiar: Need to Know, Elicitation, Espionage, and Recruitment. You can learn more about these terms through brochures provided by the Counterintelligence Awareness Library.

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