



IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

April 21st, 2021

Mr. Francis (for himself, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Whitehouse,
Mr. Based, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. North, Mr.
Mountbatten, Mr. Hausemaster, Mr. Maclyntyre, Mr. Hersey, Mr. Wood)
introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To declassify old documents and release them to the public online.
*Be it Enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress Assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Information Act of 2021”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

- (a) Many old Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency documents stay classified for arbitrarily long amounts of time.
- (b) Intelligence Agencies are often very secretive with old documents that may make the government look bad.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

- (a) DOCUMENT(/S)—Evidence deeds, agreements, title papers, letters, receipts, and other written records used to prove a fact or to keep a record for the Central Intelligence Agency.

- (b) DIRECTORS.— The Directors of the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Security Agency.

SEC. 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.— Every document written or produced by the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Security Agency (as long as they adhere to the subheading below) before January 2nd, 1969 shall become declassified and be released to the public.
- (b) SUBHEADING.— All documents before January 2nd, 1969 shall be declassified unless:
 - (1) They violate any previous law or statute.
 - (2) Contains secretive military practice still used today.
 - (3) Will cause physical harm to any currently elected public official.
 - (4) Contains any intelligence practice still used today.
 - (5) Contains any foreign negotiation strategy still used today.

SEC. 5. APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.— The Directors shall:
 - (1) Add to the National Security Archive.
 - (2) The Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Security Agency shall declassify documents before January 2nd, 1969 upon the pretense the documents adhere to the above rules.
 - (3) All documents released in this act shall be put on the Central Intelligence Agency's National Security Archive.
- (b) REQUIREMENTS.— In carrying out the program under subsection the Directors shall—
 - (1) Add to the National Security Archive declassified documents from the provisions of this act.
- (c) FUNDING.— The Central Intelligence Agency shall use part of its budget to appropriate: \$600,000 for the fiscal year of 2021, \$400,000 for the fiscal year of 2022, \$200,000 for the fiscal year of 2023, and \$0 for the fiscal year of 2024 to carry out the provisions of this act.

- (d) The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall use part of its budget to appropriate: \$600,000 for the fiscal year of 2021, \$400,000 for the fiscal year of 2022, \$200,000 for the fiscal year of 2023, and \$0 for the fiscal year of 2024 to carry out the provisions of this act.
- (e) The National Security Agency shall use part of its budget to appropriate: \$600,000 for the fiscal year of 2021, \$400,000 for the fiscal year of 2022, \$200,000 for the fiscal year of 2023, and \$0 for the fiscal year of 2024 to carry out the provisions of this act.
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SEC. 6. ENACTMENT.

EFFECTIVE DATE.— The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage.
