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WHY MUST WE LOCK CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN SAFES EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN A FENCED, GUARDED, SECURITY AREA?

BECAUSE EVERY PART OF OUR DEFENSIVE SYSTEM MUST BE OPERATING OR THE WHOLE IS WEAKENED.

SECURITY IN DEPTH

Unlocked, a safe represents nothing more than a very expensive filing cabinet. Like a broken fence or an open door, its protective value is nil.

Secured, it can protect its contents from fire, theft and compromise. Above all, it adds depth to our physical security system.

It's been estimated that a professional burglar could open one of our safes in fifteen minutes. That isn't very long but when that quarter hour is added to the time an intruder would need to clamber over a fence, cross a compound, break into a locked, sealed building and then, after rifling the safe, retrace his steps, it reduces the chances for a successful penetration to negligible proportions. One of the reasons, probably, why it has never been attempted.

CONTROL

A locked safe gives a custodian better control over the documents in his charge. Stored in an ordinary file cabinet, they would be accessible to everyone. Eventually, both Need To Know and accountability would suffer.

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