

Daniel Ellsberg

The Most Dangerous Man Alive



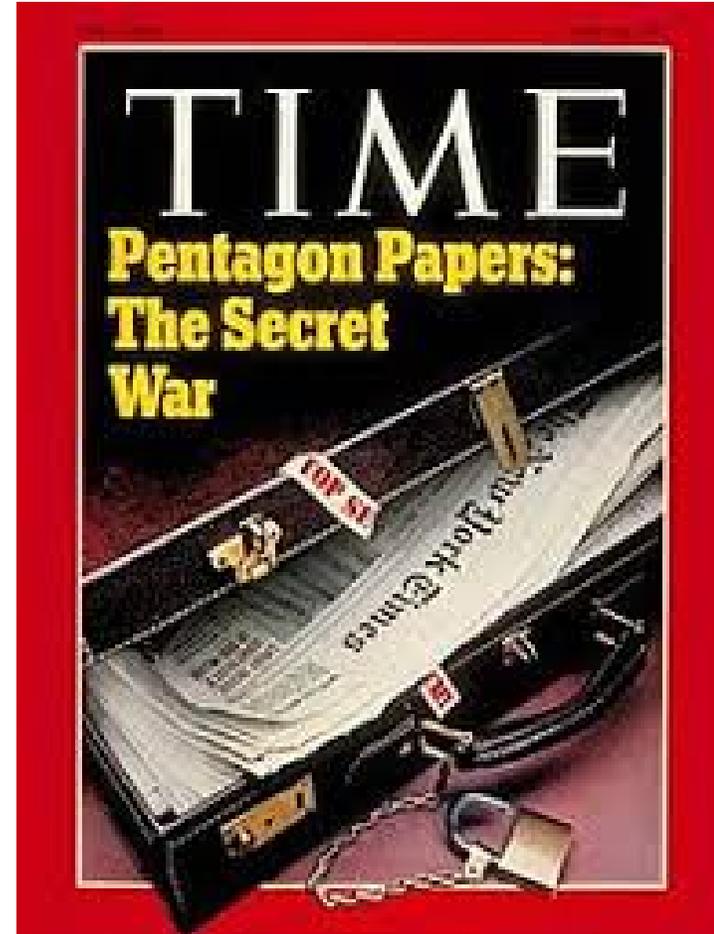
Robert McNamara Commissions Secret Study

- ❖ **Secretary of Defense**
- ❖ **Kennedy holdover**
- ❖ **historical study of Vietnam**
 - decision making - 1966**
- ❖ **Ellsberg recruited for his**
 - Pentagon and RAND background**



History of U.S. Decision-making in Vietnam, 1945-1968

- ❖ completed 1969
- ❖ 47 volumes
- ❖ 7,000 pages
- ❖ classified

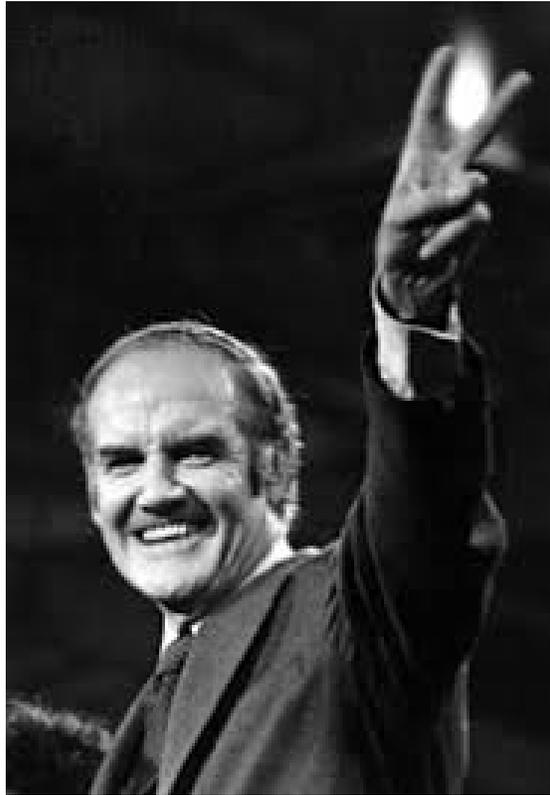
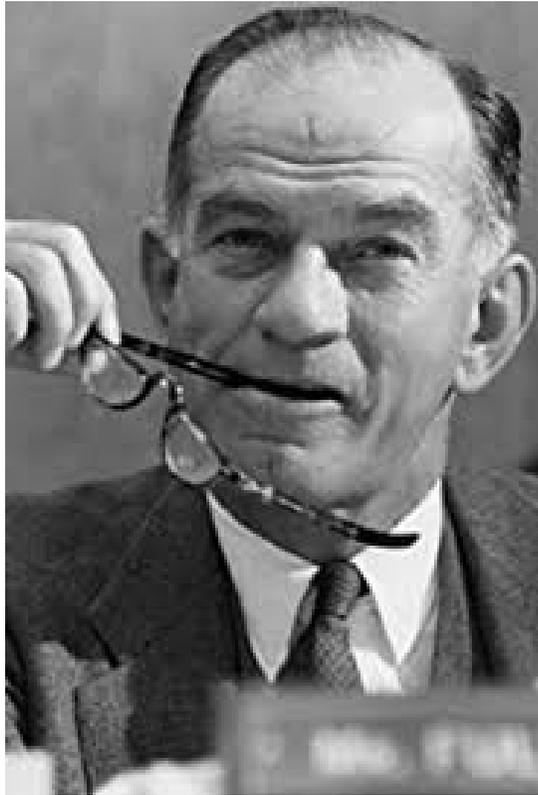


Russo and Ellsberg Copy “Pentagon Papers”



- Documents taken out two volumes at a time, copied on a Xerox machine at Russo’s girlfriend’s place of employment

Share Papers with Fulbright, McGovern Kissinger



Pentagon Papers Released



New York Times Co. v. United States,
403 U.S. 713 (1971)



Nixon on Ellsberg

❖ I just say that we've got to keep our eye on the main ball. The main ball is Daniel Ellsberg. We've got to get this son of a bitch. You can't be in a position of ever allowing, just because some guy is going to be martyr, of allowing the fellow to get away with this kind of wholesale thievery, or otherwise it's going to happen all over the government. Don't you agree?

Telephone conversation with John N. Mitchell, White House Tapes - Presidential Recordings

Program, Tape 006-021

Russo and Ellsberg Indicted

“Let’s face it. Copying seven thousand pages of top secret documents and giving them to the *New York Times* has a bad ring to it.”

- **Before 1973 criminal trial under 1917 Espionage Act**

Ellsberg Trial Ends

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PENTAGON PAPERS CHARGES ARE DISMISSED; JUDGE BYRNE FREES ELLSBERG AND RUSSO, ASSAILS 'IMPROPER GOVERNMENT CONDUCT'

White House Says Attacks Will Continue in Cambodia

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—The White House said today that the United States will continue its air attacks on Cambodia, and that the military will continue to search for North Vietnamese troops in the country.

WASH. TIMES

Set to Inform Inquiry in Case, I Think

After Watergate



Air of Expectancy, Then Tears, Shouts, Endurances



Mr. Ellsberg (left) and Mr. Russo (right) with Judge Byrne (center) after the trial.

NEW TRIALS ARE

Not Declared But New Constitutional Issues in Case

By Andrew Ross
WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—The Supreme Court today said it would not order a new trial for Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo, but it would hear arguments about the constitutionality of the Espionage Act.

THE COURT'S DECISION... THE TRIAL... THE GOVERNMENT... THE DEFENSE... THE JURY... THE VERDICT... THE APPEAL... THE SUPREME COURT... THE FUTURE... THE HISTORY... THE LEGACY... THE IMPACT... THE SIGNIFICANCE... THE REASONING... THE LOGIC... THE EVIDENCE... THE ARGUMENTS... THE DEBATE... THE CONCLUSION... THE FUTURE... THE HISTORY... THE LEGACY... THE IMPACT... THE SIGNIFICANCE... THE REASONING... THE LOGIC... THE EVIDENCE... THE ARGUMENTS... THE DEBATE... THE CONCLUSION...

Nixon on Outcome of Pentagon Papers Saga

- **We have the rocky situation when the sonofabitching thief [Ellsberg] is made a national hero and is going to get off on a mistrial and the *New York Times* gets a Pulitzer prize for stealing documents...They're trying to get at us with thieves...What in the name of God have we come to?**

- *Richard Nixon, White House tapes, May 11, 1973*

Whistleblowers

- Edward Snowden, b. 1983
- Brief military career
- Recruited by CIA; technical computer specialist, leaves 2009
- Works as contractor for NSA
- 2013 releases classified NSA documents, probably through Julian Assange



Edward Snowden

- ❖ 2013 charged under 1917 Espionage Act
- ❖ then flees country, to Hong Kong, then to Russia
- ❖ US seeks extradition
- ❖ Snowden seeks asylum



Chelsea Manning



Chelsea Manning

- ❖ born Bradley Manning in 1987
- ❖ difficult childhood, confused sexual identity
- ❖ joins army in 2007
- ❖ posted to Iraq in 2009
- ❖ 2010 began downloading from intelligence sources she had internet access to because of her job and computer skills
- ❖ releases Iraq and Afghanistan material to WikiLeaks, probably through contact with Julian Assange

Chelsea Manning

- ❖ arrested 2010
- ❖ court martialled 2013
- ❖ Espionage Act 1917
and UCMJ
- ❖ 35 year sentence
- ❖ 2017 Obama commutes
sentence
- ❖ 2019 contempt of court



Julian Assange



War against the Leakers

Lloyd Gardner,

**The War on Leakers: National Security
and American Democracy,
from Eugene V. Debs to Edward Snowden**

(2016)

