

## AXIOM : TRUST NO ONE

Ladies and gentlemen and briefly, trust; why is this state absolutely critical in importance, how is it attained and how is it reinforced? Firstly; if you consider the obvious, which is that we are not as other organizations where the requirement to be trusted is not high on the agenda, this is simply because the intrinsic nature of what we are entrusted with dictates the extent of the trust bestowed upon us, which as you know is total. You can't go blowing the whistle, placing a spanner in the works, so to speak or indeed wandering from job to job. Not only can you not do it, you can't feel inclined to. What of the examples that the media like to brandish as those who have? Well, the fact that they were bestowed with the highest level of trust and they chose to work contrary to that bestowal and indeed the Official Secrets Act, or in the USA, the Espionage Act says everything about them. Whether what they had to tell of was anything worth paying attention to is worth scrutiny as we've discussed already, because invariably it isn't. The fact of their supposed revelations places them in the creative use of the truth category because we can't defend by adding validity, credibility or anything else to their statements. That aside, we trust and this trust is a reciprocal state that we attain. We attain it due to concerns pertaining to national security and the well-being of our colleagues. What goes wrong, you might ask, when a person's 'allegiance' turns to that of 'traitor'. We have to be aware of this possibility and have in place the means to absorb it, heaven forbid should it begin to occur, and this is achieved by virtue of the relationship between myself as supervisor and yourselves, ladies and gentlemen. This state is extremely valuable and one that contains certain ingredients which again are central to the nature of the work we do and in this, these ingredients are bound with me. I am charged with the maintenance of your psychological state of mind and this has to contain what is both different and far greater in value than any inducements from outside might promise, or how close they become. You might ask; different in what way precisely. The answer is not

that dissimilar to how the most valuable among the population are sought and kept. I have to have your respect and admiration and the knowledge without qualification that I am trusted by you and that the faith I place upon you in return overrides anything and everything that might attempt to question it. The longer the duration away the more the possibility of melding with those who began as objects of our curiosity. This is not a profound suggestion nor is it admittance on my part that my trust in you and your respect and admiration of me wanes, but the nature of social relations can and does shift from that of émigré to familiarity and comfort. It has become much easier now to remain in contact with me through the machine of secure and real time, \*\*\*\*\* intelligence as well as other means and these will be explained in great depth forthwith, via my colleagues. I have to reiterate that the human element is paramount and the machinery is secondary in character. If you do not trust and indeed admire and respect me, no manner of technological apparatus would change that. I am familiar with what is the fundamental requirement to facilitate the aforesaid admiration and respect and through these days we spend together this will cement itself very forcefully into your minds, I do assure you. Have I ever failed in this you might ask, I can only answer by appeal to what the context was and state that here, in this most highly secret place and time, I have not.

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