

(Proposed by Intellectual Freedom Committee  
at Annual Conf. at Dallas, June 1971.)

NEW YORK TIMES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The controversy between the federal government and the NEW YORK TIMES has drawn into question the policies of the federal government relating to the classification and declassification of information, and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association strongly supports the right of the public to hear what is spoken and to read what is written, and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association believes that it is a gross abuse of the purpose and intent of security classifications to suppress information which does not directly and immediately endanger the national security,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorses a full Congressional investigation of the policies of government relating to the classification and declassification of information to:

- A. Assure that such policies preserve the rights of the people;
- B. Guarantee that such policies do not operate to contravene freedom of the press;
- C. Protect the trust of the people in the integrity of their government from being abused or exploited.

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