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The man in charge of the study that became known as The Pentagon Papers sought to explain how such a horrendous sequences of events and so great and costly a tragedy could have come to pass. His explanation attributes ^{"the best of motives"} ~~malicious~~ to those who had no faith in representative government or the people: "...our leaders were convinced that they knew best. Issues...are too subtle and sophisticated for the common man. ...In their desire to do the best for the nation, our leaders felt, they had to protect themselves against public pressures, and, in the process, they shielded us against the information we needed to make up our own minds." (Quoted from Test of Loyalty, by Peter Schrag, p. 62)

In plain English not designed to put the best face on the monster, this is to say that "our leaders" decided that the people should not either make up their own minds or run their own government, their own lives. And that in order to accomplish this these "leaders" had to lie to the people - to the world - to "protect themselves" from what it requires for representative society to function.

No matter how politely it is put, this is the essence of authoritarianism.

Gleb qualifies as an authority. He is the man who classified the papers ~~as~~ "Top Secret - Sensitive." There is no authorized classification, "Sensitive." "Top Secret" is restricted to information that can lead to war. "Sensitive" was an invention to keep for those who were qualified to deal with war and what could lead to war what these technocrats with "the best of motives" wanted them not to know.

(There also is no law authorizing these so-called "security" classifications. They are justified in ~~an~~ Executive Orders - Presidential diktats - beginning with No. 10501, amended by Nixon in No. 11652. These and others are dealt with extensively in Whitewash IV, throughout.)