DECLARATION OF STEWART PERRY

I, STEWART E. PERRY, declare as follows:

1. I submit this declaration in support of the above-captioned petition to unseal the transcripts of my testimony before the federal grand jury convened in April and August 1971 in Boston to investigate the release of the Pentagon Papers.

2. I do not know how I was brought to the attention of the FBI, but in 1971, I had been living in the apartment directly below Daniel and Patricia Ellsberg. We had mutual friends. What I might call the only connection I would have had with the Pentagon Papers was (only as I realized some months later, after conversations with knowledgeable friends) that very late one night, I must have heard Daniel and Patricia Ellsberg and others making considerable noise on the staircase outside my apartment, a to-do that would have been due to the transport of the Papers via a taxi waiting outside.

3. I was subpoenaed by the grand jury in the summer of 1971. The FBI came to my door and requested to talk to me, without stating their purpose. I declined the invitation, but they stood outside the door for a long time. They visited on later occasions, but I never opened the door.

4. In the fall of 1971, I appeared before the grand jury and raised the Fifth Amendment. After, the grand jury left me alone and stopped bothering me.

5. As one of the witnesses called forth during the Boston grand jury, I support the release of the records, including any information regarding me, because I believe in greater government transparency and access to information. At this juncture, no one, to my knowledge, will be hurt by the release of these records. For these reasons, I support the release of a transcript of my testimony and other records related to the Boston grand jury investigation.
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 1, 2018, in Issaquah, WA 98029.

/s/ Stewart E. Perry

Stewart E. Perry