

LITERATURE, ETHICS, AND AUTHORITY
15.269

Topics for Paper #2: due Monday 9 April 2001, in class. These papers are to be 5-7 pp. in length, typewritten and double-spaced. Choose *one* topic; you may write on one or more of the books/films in the second section of the course. Please keep a copy of your paper for your files.

1. Based on our readings and your experience, what is and should be the relation of professionalism to leadership? Do leaders' ethical standards differ from those of professionals?
2. Can you make any general statement(s) about ethical standards across the professions we've considered in this section – government, law, science, business? Where do you see salient differences?
3. Apply Donald Schön's notion of "Reflection-in-Action" to Sir Thomas More, Galileo, and Bud Fox: do they practice it, and what does practicing or not practicing it yield for them? Can you think of a case or cases in your own work experience that reflect the stance Schön recommends?