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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Individual Government Components**

**SUBJECT : Release of Project Developed Systems, Subsystems, Components, Techniques and Technical Know-How to Department of Defense**

1. The following is forwarded to reaffirm the Project policy with regards to the release of Project information to other than Project cleared personnel. This Headquarters has recognized the existing need for immediate application of equipment and technical know-how developed within the framework of this Project. It is our intention that such information be made available to other Government components insofar as the need for the continued security of this Project will permit.

2. The attached letter, forwarded to all contractors associated with this Project, outlines the policy of the "need-to-know" principle of access which has continuously been applied to our program. In addition, it outlines our initial instructions governing the release of information concerning subsystems resulting from Project research and development.

3. Review of our experience with requests from other Government agencies for the clearance of personnel to be made knowledgeable of the Project suggest that those having, or believed to have, a valid "need-to-know" fall into the following categories.

- a. Personnel performing functions in support of the Project.
- b. Policy officials.

c. Persons engaged in the procurement of the Project weapons system (FOG).

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- d. Consumers of raw intelligence obtained by the Project.
- e. Persons with broad Research and Development responsibilities.
- f. Individuals engaged in collateral projects.

4. Effective immediately all requests for clearances will be submitted to this Headquarters in writing with an indication (which might well be in terms of the above categories) of the nature and extent of the individual's "need-to-know". Such requests, should, in all cases, be submitted well in advance to enable a prior review of any indicated departure from the established standards and further enable proper notification of contractors.

5. Your attention is invited to the fact that an overall procedure is presently being established for the purchase of Project equipment by other Government components. All suppliers will be advised upon final establishment of such procedures.

PROJECT SECURITY OFFICER