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The attached is per our telephone conversation. We are revising the Directive on "For Official Use Only", which will relate to information requiring protection not within the purview of Executive Order 1010. A copy will be furnished to you when complete.

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PROPOSED DEPARIMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT

Policy Governing the Transmission and Safekeeping of Defense Information Classified Confidential/Modified

References: (a)

- (a) Executive Order 10501, Section 14, 5 November 1953
- (b) Department of Defense Directive 5200.1, 19 November 1953, subject: "Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States"
- (c) Department of Defense Directive 5200.3, 21 December 1953, subject: "Department of Defense Policy for Assignment of Classification Categories to Official Defense Information"

I. PURPOSE

- A. Pursuant to authority contained in Section 14 of Executive Order 10501, to prescribe regulations for the transmission and safe-keeping of defense information classified Confidential in connection with combat or combat-related operations.
- B. To identify the above type of Confidential defense information by establishing the term "Confidential/Nodified".

II. BACKGROUND

A considerable volume of defense information classified Confidential concerns military operations related to planning, operations, training, communications, and the logistical support thereof. This information is connected with combat or combat-related operations, and requires the means for transmission and safekeeping compatible with the proper and effective accomplishment of the mission of the Department of Defense. The procedures for transmission and safekeeping of Confidential defense information as set forth in Executive Order 10501 need modification to meet the above requirement. Section 14 of the Executive Order recognizes the possible necessity for modification and authorizes the Secretary of Defense to prescribe such regulations as he may consider necessary.

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III. POLICY

The provisions of Executive Order 10501 regarding the transmission and safekeeping of defense information classified Confidential are modified in accordance with the following definitions and procedures.

A. Definitions

1. Combat or Combat-Related Operations

Combat or combat-related operations, actual or simulated, relate to military planning, operations, training, communications and the logistical support thereof.

2. Confidential/Modified (Note DOD Directive 5200.1-Sec. III and DOD Directive 5200.3-App. Para. 2a)

Confidential/Modified dofense information is that (1) which pertains to combat or combat-related operations, actual or simulated, and (2) which will be adequately protected by the procedures for transmission and safekeeping set forth in Section III B 1 and 2 below. Such information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Training, Field and Technical manuals and related material.
- b. Fhotographs, negatives, photostats, diagrams or materials.
- c. Defense procurement plans, including procurement contracts and related matters.
- d. Communications material and messages.

 (DOD Directive 5200.1-Sec. VI amended accordingly)
- e. Certain documents regarding engineering plans and design details, computation, method of processing or assembling, which are essential to the functioning or use of an article of materiel.
- f. Military maps and aerial photography, and related material, which require wide dissemination for military purposes.

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g. Information received from or furnished to foreign nations under existing international exchange of information agreements and policies.

B. Procedures

1. Transmission (E.O. 10501, Sec. 8(d) amended accordingly)

Documents and material designated Confidential/Nodified will normally be transmitted by ordinary mail within the United States, but without precluding a more secure means if desired. Outside the Continental United States, Confidential/Nodified defense material will be transmitted by ordinary mail which is under the control of the United States and Canadian Governments, or transmitted by unaccompanied State Department air or surface pouch. The above does not preclude a more secure means if desired.

2. Safekeeping (E.O. 10501, Sec. 6(b) amended accordingly)

Documents and material designated Confidential/Modified will ordinarily be stored in a container equipped with a reasonably secure locking device or in any other manner determined by proper authority which will afford adequate protection. This does not preclude a more secure means of storage if desired.

3. NATO and Other Foreign Originated Matter

Information received from NATO or other friendly foreign nations may be designated Confidential/Modified if the degree of protection is equivalent to or greater than that required by the foreign source of such information, as prescribed in Section 3(e) of Executive Order 10501.

(DOD Directive 5200.1 - Sec. V amended accordingly)

IV. ACTION

'Authority is hereby delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to implement this policy with regard to the transmission and safe-keeping of Confidential/Modified defense information.

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V. IMPLEMENTATION

It is requested that copies of the implementing instructions or revised regulations be furnished this office when issued.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.