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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE
ASST EXEC FOR PLANN & COORD
INTELLIGENCE GROUP
SECURITY GROUP
TRAINING GROUP
ASST EXEC FOR ADMINISTRATION
CHIEF, ARMY SECURITY AGENCY
CHIEF, CIG
ASST EXEC FOR FOREIGN LIAISON

SUBJECT: Unclassified Tech Info

1. In compliance with letter, Secretary of Defense, 9 Nov 48, this Division will forward all requests for the export of Tech Info from foreign recipients to the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, for review, processing and reply.

2. Requests of this nature received by Groups, Asst Execs and agencies of ID will be forwarded to the Asst Exec for Planning & Coordination. Asst Exec for Plann & Coord will clear the request through the ID Committee for the Release of Unclassified Technological Information, record ID's view on the matter and forward to the Department of Commerce for final action.

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Memo fr Sec Def
dtd 9 Nov 48

/s/ E. J. Treacy, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, GSC

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

9 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
CHAIRMAN, MUNITIONS BOARD
CHAIRMAN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

1. In compliance with the attached request dated 3 November 1948 from the SANACC Interdepartmental Committee on Industrial Security, I desire that requests from United States private citizens, business and professional organizations, state and local governments, and the like, for advice on the security aspects of the export of technology to foreign recipients, be referred to the Office of International Trade of the Department of Commerce for review, processing and reply.

/s/ Forrestal

James Forrestal

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November 3, 1948

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the letter from Mr. H. W. Mosley, Secretary of the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee, to you dated June 14, 1948, announcing the establishment of the Interdepartmental Committee on Industrial Security. Your Department is represented on this Committee by Colonel Edison A. Lynn of the Munitions Board, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis F. Shull and Major John F. Moran (Alternate) of the Department of the Army, Commander Kenneth F. Weaver and Lieutenant John Renninger (Alternate) of the Department of the Navy, and Major William G. Florence of the Department of the Air Force.

One of the principal concerns in the industrial security field has been the problem of what controls, if any, are necessary and practicable over the export of American industrial, technological and scientific information not under the control of the National Military Establishment -- information which would contribute to the military potential of foreign countries.

One opportunity for controls has been thrusting itself upon the Government daily; the many requests for advice about exporting technology which are received from private citizens and business enterprises. These requests for advice have up to now been directed to many agencies of the Government: State, Army, Navy, etc. In each case a reply has to be given recommending for or against the export of a certain item of technology or in some cases refusing to take a position.

The Honorable

James Forrestal,
Secretary of Defense.C O P Y161.2
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