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Noted the following statement by the President:

Executive Order No. 10501, 'Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States', will become effective on December 15.

"Its purpose is to insure that no information is withheld from the people of the United
States which they have a right to know, and to
insure that classified defense information is
properly safeguarded. The Executive Order defines the kind of information which is subject
to classification and makes the requirements of
the defense interests of the United States the
test as to whether information may be classified.
If this new approach to the authorized disclosure of information is to succeed, without
prejudicing the national security or confusing
the American people, we should take positive
steps to halt the unauthorized disclosure of
classified information.

"Because the national security has been prejudiced by past unauthorized disclosures of classified information contained in NEC documents or discussed at NEC meetings, I shall hold the heads of departments and agencies, which originate or receive classified NEC information, responsible for taking all practicable steps necessary to prevent further unauthorized disclosures. I wish that every Government difficial and employee having access to such classified documents and information would realize his personal responsibility to his country for preventing my unauthorized disclosures of classified defense information.

"In the event of future unauthorized disclosures of classified MSC information, I intend

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to direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct investigations to identify the sources thereof in order that appropriate administrative action may be promptly taken."

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