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The Chairman  
Military Liaison Committee  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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For The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
*R. J. Jackson*  
Division of Classification

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Commission has considered the proposals made in the JCS memorandum dated 16 January 1948 (SM-9475) which relate largely to dissemination of CROSSROADS information within the Armed Forces and which are responsive to the suggestions made in our letter to you of August 8, 1947.

The Commission's understanding of these proposals is, briefly, as follows:

1. All CROSSROADS information believed by JCS to contain "restricted data" will be divided into two classes on the basis of the principles stated in SM-7963 of 10 April 1947.
2. The first of these classes which, for purposes of convenience may be termed "Class A" CROSSROADS information, will be disseminated within the Armed Forces only to personnel who have been cleared for access to "restricted data". Class A CROSSROADS information includes "restricted data" of a high order of security value. The categories of CROSSROADS information which are within this class are enumerated in SM-7963 and are also referred to in SM-9475. A notice to the effect that specific clearance is required prior to access to Class A CROSSROADS information will be given by the use of a stamp so stating, in the approximate format presented in SM-9475.
3. The second of these classes, which may be termed "Class B" CROSSROADS information, may be disseminated within the Armed Forces in accordance with existing security standards and practices under appropriate military classifications but without requiring clearance as a condition of access thereto. Class B CROSSROADS information, as defined in SM-7963, contains "restricted data" of only a low order of security importance. Class B CROSSROADS information will be identified by a stamp, approximately in the format presented in SM-9475, which indicates that specific clearance is not required but that military classification safeguards will be used. It is noted that JCS believes that it would be practicable to limit access to Class B CROSSROADS information so as to exclude aliens.

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4. Existing CROSSROADS documents which, in the opinion of JCS, contain no "restricted data" will nevertheless be forwarded to the Commission for confirmation of this view prior to their dissemination. If the Commission concurs, there may be dissemination of such documents in the clear. Similar arrangements will prevail with respect to new documents containing CROSSROADS information as they are produced in the future.

5. JCS will remain responsible for establishing appropriate grades of military classification for all documents relating to CROSSROADS whether in Class A or Class B under the standards set forth in SR-7005. In this connection, attention is invited to the policy established by the Commission's instruction GM-57 of August 8, 1947, paragraph 1(d), to the effect that "restricted data" may in no case be classified lower than confidential. The only exception to this policy authorized by the Commission to date appears in the Commission's letter to the Military Liaison Committee dated January 27, 1948, which authorizes the dissemination of Volume 1 and 2 "Operational Report of the A-Bomb Tests ABLE and BAKER (Operations CROSSROADS)" under a classification of "restricted."

The proposal as outlined is approved by the Commission as being within the scope of the policies established in the Commission's letter of August 8, 1947.

The Commission will be willing to consider the use of the policies and procedures outlined in the current proposal with respect to CROSSROADS information, for application to other types of "restricted data" for which wide dissemination within the Armed Forces is deemed necessary in the interest of the common defense and security.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID H. LILIENTHAL

Chairman

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