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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5510.27

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Disclosure of Classified Military Information to NATO Nations

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 5230.11, "Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations", June 19, 1973
(b) SECNAV Instruction 5510.24C, "Disclosure of classified military information to foreign governments and international organizations", 7 July 1977

Encl: (1) DEPSECDEF memo, "Disclosure of Classified Military Information to NATO Nations", of October 8, 1977

1. Purpose. This instruction implements enclosure (1) to ensure that appropriate weight is given to arms cooperation policy and objectives within NATO in making any decision to disclose or deny classified military information to NATO nations.

2. Background. Reference (a) delegated to the Secretary of the Navy authority to disclose or deny U. S. classified military information originated within the Department of the Navy within the limitations of the National Disclosure Policy (NDP-1). Reference (a) also designated the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) as the Principal within the Department of the Navy for disclosure matters. By reference (b), the Secretary of the Navy delegated to the Chief of Naval Operations authority to disclose or deny classified military information subject to the authority exercised by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems). Enclosure (1) requires advance notice to the Deputy Secretary of Defense of proposed denials of classified military information related to equipment standardization and interoperability in NATO and its member nations when such denials could have a significant political impact or preclude major international cooperative research, development or logistics undertakings.

3. Action.

A. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) or his Deputy for Systems will review and approve or disapprove each proposed denial of a request from a NATO nation for classified military information and will notify the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in advance, of any denial of classified information, related to equipment standardization or interoperability in NATO, that could have significant political impact or would preclude major international cooperative research, development and logistics undertakings.

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B. The Chief of Naval Operations will ensure that each proposed denial of a request from a NATO nation for classified military information in the context of enclosure (1) is forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems).

C. The Chief of Naval Operations will report all disclosure actions related to equipment standardization or interoperability in NATO to the Foreign Disclosure Automated Data (FORDAD) System in accordance with enclosure (1).



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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMMUNICATIONS,
COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: Disclosure of Classified Military Information to NATO Nations

A cooperative and mutually beneficial policy on exchange of classified military information is essential for implementation of DOD Directive 2010.6, which calls for increased standardization and interoperability of equipment within NATO.

Criteria for disclosure of classified military information as set forth in National Disclosure Policy (NDP-1/7) must of course be carefully applied. At the same time, if we are to make progress toward equipment standardization, the holders of delegated authority to disclose or deny classified military information must ensure that their subordinate holders of delegated denial authority give appropriate weight to our arms cooperation policy and objectives within NATO.

Accordingly, I request that beginning 15 October 1977 each addressee:

1. Implement procedures whereby the Deputy Secretary of Defense is notified in advance of proposed denials of classified military information, related to equipment standardization or interoperability in NATO and its member nations, that could have significant political impact or would preclude major international cooperative research, development, and logistics undertakings.

2. Report all disclosure actions related to equipment standardization or interoperability in NATO to the Foreign Disclosure Automated Data System (FORDAD) in accordance with the enclosed procedure.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING NATO EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZATION AND
INTEROPERABILITY DISCLOSURE ACTIONS TO THE FORDAD SYSTEM

- The following procedures supplement those contained in DoD Directive 5230.11, "Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations," 19 June 1973 with changes; DoD Instruction 5230.18, "The DoD Foreign Disclosure Automated Data System (FORDAD)," 10 July 1973; DoD Instruction C-5230.17, "Procedure for the Administration, Standardization, and Control of Foreign Disclosure Authority," 17 December 1971; and the FORDAD Users Manual (5230.18-M).

- All disclosure actions related to equipment standardization and interoperability in NATO and member nations will be reported within 15 days of the action to the FORDAD on DD Form 1822, "Report of Disclosure or Denial of U.S. Classified Military Information," by:

-- Placing NATO S/I in Block 216 (Program) when the action is related to NATO equipment standardization or interoperability.

-- Stating a brief justification in Block 235 (Remarks) of the action taken if Block 206 (Action Taken) states D for denial and Block 216 states NATO S/I.