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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: WR-ALC/FM

SUBJECT: Public Domain vs Foreign Disclosure

1. We have been receiving questions concerning the difference between Public Domain and Unclassified military information. Public Domain means that the relevant Public Affairs Office has received approval from the SAF/PA, or cognizant approval authority, IAW Public Affairs regulations, to make the information available to the public. UNCLASSIFIED is not synonymous with Public Domain. UNCLASSIFIED must be treated, under foreign disclosure guidelines, the same way as CLASSIFIED and must be reviewed by a foreign disclosure officer and approved/disapproved for release/disclosure. In determining the releasability of UNCLASSIFIED it is necessary to identify the "type" of UNCLASSIFIED being reviewed. If the information is purely administrative (involving travel, minor activities of the military) it does not need foreign disclosure review and may be released on a continuing basis. If the information concerns the plans, policies, programs, equipment, official activities of the USAF--then a review must be conducted to determine whether or not the information is:

- a. EXPORT-controlled, (contains military information IAW the ITAR [International Trade in Arms Regulations])
- b. Sensitive (involves bilateral programs, contains foreign government information)
- c. Politically sensitive (information that reveals foreign policies)

2. If the information belongs in one of the above categories, it must be reviewed and approved prior to release to foreign governments, international organizations, or foreign representatives.

3. There are also questions on the definition of a foreign representative. A foreign representative is anyone, regardless of nationality, who represents or works for a foreign government, foreign-owned company, international organization, etc. The only information that can be released to foreign representatives is that which is releasable to the organization they represent.

4. Questions should be directed to the Foreign Disclosure Office, 63991, or the Public Affairs Office, 62137 or 62130.

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