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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
THE CHIEF, ARMED FORCES
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25 FEB 1955

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Data Obtained from Weapons Tests and Supporting Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration

TO: Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory
San Francisco 24, California

1. Reference is made to your verbal request to Cdr H. D. Davidson, this headquarters, for copies of the memorandum from the Service Chiefs, subject as above, and related implementing directives to each of the three services.

2. Such copies are forwarded herewith as Inclosures 1-4.

FOR THE CHIEF, AFSWP,

4 Incls:

1. Memorandum from the Service Chiefs, subject as above.
2. Ltr from D/A, subject as above. (Copy)
3. Ltr from D/N, subject as above. (Copy)
4. AF Regulation No. 11-5, subject: Requests for Data Obtained From Nuclear Weapons Tests. (Copy)

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2 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, ARMED FORCES SPECIAL WEAPONS PROJECT

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Data Obtained from Weapons Tests and Supporting Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration

1. This directive supersedes the one forwarded to you, Subject: Dissemination of Data Obtained from Weapons Tests and Supporting Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, dated 5 March 1953.

2. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP) is hereby designated as the Department of Defense agency to participate with the Atomic Energy Commission in determining what atomic weapons test information and results of supporting research projects should be transmitted to the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) to assist that organization in civil defense planning.

3. In implementing this responsibility, the AFSWP is authorized to forward classified information which, in its opinion, is clearly required by the FCDA, and the transmission of which will not be contrary to the best interests of the Department of Defense. In addition, the transmission of such information to the FCDA will be with the clear understanding that the security classification will be maintained. Any weapons effects information may be forwarded which will not disclose:

a. Status of development of weapons. (This should not be construed as preventing the furnishing of information on the yields of test weapons or devices when this is necessary in order adequately to convey weapons effects information to the FCDA, as long as the exact nature of the weapon or device is not revealed.)

b. Specific U. S. capability, or numbers of weapons in stockpile.

c. Weapons design.

d. Weapons production rate.

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e. Planned operational use of weapons.

4. In the event that AFSWP is confronted with major issues which it does not feel competent to resolve, it is authorized to submit these issues to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for resolution.

/s/ M. B. Ridgway
M. B. RIDGWAY
Chief of Staff, U. S. Army

/s/ D. B. Duncan
for ROBERT B. CARNEY
Chief of Naval Operations

/s/ Thomas D. White
for N. F. TWINING
Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AGAC-C (M) 350.05 (30 Aug 54) G3

3 September 1954

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Data Obtained from Weapons Tests and
Supporting Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration

TO: Comptroller of the Army
Chief of Information
Chief of Legislative Liaison
Chief, Civil Affairs and Military Government
Assistant Chiefs of Staff
Chiefs of Special Staff Divisions
Chiefs of Administrative and
Technical Services
Commanding Generals
US Army, Alaska
US Army, Caribbean
US Army, Pacific
Continental Armies
Military District of Washington
Army Antiaircraft Command
Chief of Army Field Forces
Superintendent, US Military Academy

1. By a joint memorandum dated 2 July 1954, subject as above, the Chief of Staff, US Army, Chief of Naval Operations, and Chief of Staff, US Air Force, designated the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP) as the Department of Defense agency to participate with the Atomic Energy Commission in determining what atomic weapons test information and results of supporting research projects should be transmitted to the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) to assist that agency in civil defense planning. This referenced memorandum authorizes the AFSWP to forward classified information to the FCDA which, in its opinion, is clearly required by FCDA and when the transmission of such information will not be contrary to the best interests of the Department of Defense.

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2. As a result of increased participation by agencies of the Department of Defense in atomic weapons effects tests and a more direct part being taken in these tests by the FCDA, frequent occasions arise for contacts between representatives of the FCDA and various agencies, organizations, and contractors of the Department of Defense. The purpose of the memorandum of 2 July 1954 referred to in paragraph 1 above, is to place the responsibility for control of dissemination of data resulting from these tests on the same

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Department of Defense agency which has been charged with the coordination of the study and dissemination of all such data for the Armed Forces.

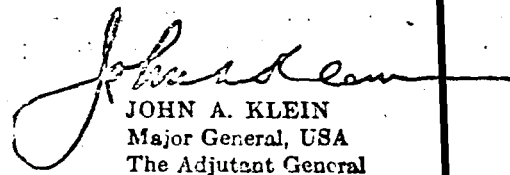
3. It is desired that within your command all agencies, organizations, contractors, and individuals participating in atomic weapons effects tests and related research projects, or that are in possession of data resulting from such tests and projects, be advised that the AFSWP is the only agency within the Department of Defense authorized to transmit data from these tests and projects to the FCDA and its representatives.

4. Letter, AGAC-C (M) 350.05 (16 Apr 53) G3, Department of the Army, 24 April 1953, subject as above, is rescinded..

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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US Army Forces, Antilles &
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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OPNAV INSTRUCTION O5090.2

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Distribution List

Subj: Dissemination of Data Obtained from Weapons Tests and Supporting
Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration

1. Purpose. This Instruction advises addressees of the prescribed procedure for the dissemination of data obtained from atomic weapons tests and supporting projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

2. Dissemination. The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force have designated the Armed Forces Special Weapons Projects (AFSWP) as the Department of Defense agency to participate with the Atomic Energy Commission in determining what atomic weapons test information and results of supporting research projects should be transmitted to the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) to assist that organization in civil defense planning. Subject to specific limitations, the AFSWP is authorized to forward classified information which, in its opinion, is clearly required by the FCDA and the transmission of which will not be contrary to the best interest of the Department of Defense.

3. Action. Activities or commands shall advise FCDA agencies or employees requesting data obtained from atomic weapons tests and supporting projects to submit their requests to FCDA Headquarters.

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/s/ R. C. Smallwood, Jr.
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AIR FORCE REGULATION
NO. 11-5

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, 15 September 1954

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES

Requests for Data Obtained From Nuclear Weapons Tests

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1. Purpose and Scope. This Regulation announces the procedure for handling requests from the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) and other civil and governmental agencies for data obtained from nuclear weapons tests and supporting research projects. It applies to all Air Force personnel possessing such information.

2. Responsible Agency. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP) is the Department of Defense agency designated to furnish to the FCDA data obtained from nuclear weapons tests and supporting projects.

3. Processing Requests. Requests for information on nuclear weapons test results and supporting research projects will be handled as follows:

a. Request from FCDA will be forwarded to the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Washington 25, D.C., for action.

b. Requests from other civil and governmental agencies for civil defense purposes will be referred to FCDA for action.

c. Requests from other civil and governmental agencies in the field for other than civil defense purposes will be declined with a proposal that the request be referred to the requesting agency's national headquarters.

This arrangement will insure transmittal of the latest, most accurate information to FCDA and other agencies, and at the same time will prevent inadvertent release of information which is contrary to the best interests of the Department of Defense.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

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