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SUBJECT: MONTHLY CLASSIFICATION BULLETIN NO. 25

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1. On several occasions in the past we have been asked to answer questions concerning various aspects of our program dealing with the preparation of local guides, the effect of published newspaper and magazine articles on the classification program, etc. The following has been prepared to answer those questions which have been most commonly asked:
 - A. A compilation of unclassified information is unclassified. Therefore, if an area of information has an overall classification some, if not all, of the data which makes up this area must be classified.
 - B. In preparing the drafts of a local classification guide, information listed as unclassified by one or more of the draft topics should not permit the release of information classified by other draft topics of the guide.
 - C. Newspaper and magazine articles do not justify declassification of information unless the published information is a statement officially released by the AEC. AEC and contractor personnel should be advised that any statements they make confirming or denying the accuracy of non-officially released information may in fact reveal classified data.
 - D. The national defense and security is the basis for taking any classification or declassification action. The criteria for balancing security considerations are given in AEC 3404-04. The responsibility for making judgments under these criteria has been delegated by the General Manager to the Division of Classification, Headquarters. Redelegation of this authority has been given to the field in special cases.

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BY: Betty H. Harris	3. CLASSIFICATION CHANGES INFO
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2. In several instances documents issued as unclassified have, upon later authoritative review, been found actually to contain Restricted Data. Any notice indicating that such document requires a classification should be distributed on a classified basis. U

3. The practice of copying "Subject" lines from classified correspondence and using them in unclassified correspondence has resulted in some instances in security violations because the "Subject" lines were in themselves classified. Item (1) of Classification Bulletin No. 15, which reads as follows, bears repeating for the guidance of all Classification Officers:

"Where feasible, the Subject lines in classified correspondence should be unclassified. If a classified subject line is required, the author should indicate on the correspondence, its proper level of classification in parentheses at the end of the "Subject" line."

4. The mere fact that we have a large-scale tritium production program is classified Secret Restricted Data. The fact that tritium is produced in the control rods of the Savannah River reactors, incident to reactor control, is unclassified. S-RD

5. Controlled Thermonuclear Reactor research has been approved as an unclassified area of research. This means that all work concerned with this program can be conducted in the complete freedom of academic science, without the need for security restrictions. It must be clearly understood, however, that this applies only to CTR information. Any classified information from other programs that might be introduced into the Sherwood program (CTR program) remains classified and must receive the protection required by security regulations. U

6. The Classification Guides, OC Doc-47, "Classification Guide for Reactor Fuel Elements", and OC Doc-59, "C.T.R. Classification Guide" are now obsolete. Notices have been sent to all holders of copies of U

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the guides to return them to the Declassification Branch, Oak Ridge, or destroy in accordance with established security procedures. However, an exception has been made to allow the feed materials plants to use OC Doc-47 on an interim basis, pending the revision of a new classification guide for their operation.

7. Dr. Daniel J. Pflaum, formerly with the Division of Licensing and Regulation, has joined the Division as Senior Classification Analyst, Classification Branch. Mr. Bram Feldman has transferred to the Division of Military Application, Reports and Information Branch, Headquarters. U
8. The Division of Classification has moved to a new location in the Germantown, Headquarters, building - Wing G, 4th Floor, Rooms 450-459. U

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