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SUBJECT: Security Considerations Relevant to Weapon System 117L

TO: Commander  
Rome Air Development Center  
Griffiss Air Force Base  
New York

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WDTR  
ATCRC*

1. Reference is made to ARDC System Development Directive No. 117L, "Advanced Reconnaissance System", dated 17 August 1956.
2. Your Center has, in the past, supported both the technical development and planning aspects of the subject System and, in the future, will be called upon to provide further assistance consistent with the requirements of the System and available resources.
3. In order that the provisions of paragraph 4 d(1) of the above referenced System Development Directive can be met, it is requested that your Center provide to the Western Development Division, Attention: WDTR, a roster of individuals whose positions in your opinion require over-all knowledge of the sensitive aspects of the WS 117L Development Program, together with a justification for such recommendations. It is further requested that any changes to this roster be promptly submitted to the Western Development Division.
4. "Sensitive aspects", as used in paragraph 3 above is defined as follows: Those items listed in Section XIV, page 31 of the Master Security Classification Guide, WS 117L, 27 August 1956, which carry Top Secret classification, i.e., Item A., B., F., G., H., I., and J.
5. Six copies of the Master Security Classification Guide for WS 117L are forwarded for your use. Because of the sensitive nature of WS 117L, particular emphasis must be given to administration of the "need-to-know" principle of security in regard to this System.

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6. It is essential that distribution of all reports prepared either by contractors under the direction of your Center, or within your own laboratories, on projects or tasks in support of WS 117L be carefully controlled. Distribution of this material, i.e., technical progress reports, management reports, etc., will be subject to the written approval of Western Development Division in each case. When the reports to be distributed involve data which fall within the "sensitive aspects" area distribution will be further guided by the "need-to-know" rosters maintained by Western Development Division.

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