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Request for Security Investigation in Re  
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1. Your attention is invited to the article which appears on the lower right hand side of page 15 on the October 1956 issue of the magazine, "Missiles and Rockets", which is published monthly by American Aviation Publications, Inc., Washington, D.C., in which lists as the managing editor, Erik Bergaust.

2. The article referred to, has as its caption, "Navy's Truax, Guides AF Satellite Work". The article deals with the fact that Commander Truax is assigned to WDD. Discusses his career briefly and states that he is a nominee for the American Rocket Society's Presidency. The problem with the article lies both in the caption and in the last sentence, which states, "Informed sources believe Commander Truax is guiding WDD's satellite work".

3. The fact that the AF (WDD) is engaged in development of a satellite is classified SECRET. Furthermore, WS 117L has special security measures directed by SDD No. 117L. The need for such measures is apparent, in that the premature compromise for a Reconnaissance effort such as this, could easily result in serious national embarrassment and a resulting loss of the investment in the project as well as a denial of the potential results thereof.

4. Accordingly, it is requested that an investigation be conducted to ascertain the circumstances surrounding this release and the determination of responsibility for the classified information concerned appearing in public print. It is further requested that this office be advised as to what steps can be taken to prevent future occurrences of this nature.

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