MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL RESEARCH INVESTIGATORS

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Policy on Releases of Unclassified Information from Research and Development Contracts

1. The release of unclassified information derived from research and development contracts is encouraged by the Department of Defense.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide security guidance governing the public release of information by non-profit institutions holding contracts with this office. The term "information" includes press releases, speeches, abstracts, and oral or written presentations of scientific and professional articles.

3. Unless specifically prohibited by the terms of the contractual document, the following types of unclassified information may be released to the public without further clearance by the Department of Defense:
   a. A statement that a contract, or supplemental agreement has been received.
   b. The nature of the contract (i.e., scope of study, name of investigator, etc.).
   c. Information of public or professional interest pertinent to research and development accomplished under the contract.

4. Public releases regarding research and development projects performed under contract with this office will not be made without proper clearance if:
   a. The contract is classified.
   b. Such information pertains to research, methods or end products that develop a security classification in an otherwise unclassified contract.
   c. Special agreements concerning the release of information are written into the contract.

5. In case of doubt as to whether release of information will cause a breach of security, clearance will be obtained from the Office of The Surgeon General, Department of the Army, prior to release.

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