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SUBJECT: Mandatory Pre-publication Security Reviews in a Transitioning Administration and Department of Defense

The transition of Presidential administrations brings significant personnel changes to the Department of Defense (DoD), with many officials departing senior leadership positions. Once these ties to the U.S. Government have been severed, it is common for personnel who previously held vital positions in DoD to author books or speak to groups or members of the media. However, all DoD personnel have a lifelong obligation to protect classified information from unauthorized disclosure. Controlled unclassified information must also be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with various U.S. laws, regulations, and government-wide policy.

This memorandum requests you to remind all DoD personnel under your charge, to include those leaving government service, of their obligation to obtain a DoD-conducted pre-publication security review of any written materials or speeches they plan to publish, share, or give that discusses their DoD professional activities. Further clarification on content criteria and the methods of sharing such information is contained in the attached DoD Instruction 5230.29, "Security and Policy Review of DoD Information for Public Release." Additionally, the DoD Office of Pre-publication and Security Review (DOPSR) stands ready to provide guidance on the requirements and procedures associated with these reviews. Customer support is available from DOPSR staff at (703) 614-5001 and their website at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/esd/osr> for further information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lettre".

Marcel Lettre

Attachment:
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