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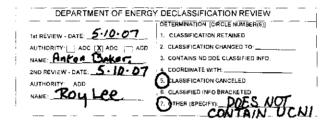
Twenty-Fifth Report on Inadvertent Releases of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data under Executive Order 12958

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The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law (P.L.) 105-261) requires that the Secretary of Energy notify the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs of inadvertent releases of Restricted Data (RD) and Formerly Restricted Data (FRD) associated with records declassified under what is now section 3.3 of Executive Order 12958, as amended.

As a result of the Department of Energy (DOE) examination of 4,031,160 additional pages of publicly available records accessioned by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Department discovered an additional 515 documents containing 1193 pages of RD and FRD which were inadvertently released:

Additional Pages Examined Since Last Report	Number of Documents with RD/FRD	Number of Pages in the Documents		Number of Pages FRD
4,031,160	515	9,191	339	854

The identified documents are in collections belonging to the Department of State and the Department of the Army. The 515 documents were inadvertently declassified and made available to the public in **DELETED** by the Department of State and NARA.

No classified documents of the DOE or its predecessor organizations were inadvertently released.

The documents inadvertently released contained the following types of RD and FRD information:

RI)	FRD	
-	Mass or dimensions of fissile materials	- Stockpile quantities	
-	Tampers and initiators	- Storage locations	
-	Boosting systems	- Storage capacities	
-	Detonation systems	- Costs of weapons and components	
-	High explosives	- Nuclear weapon yields	
-	Weapon/device output and performance	- Delivery system accuracy	
-	Weapon reliability	- Height and depth of burst	
-	Nuclear weapon materials	- Yield select capability	
-	Gaseous diffusion technology	- Nuclear test information	
-	Naval nuclear propulsion information	- Nuclear safing systems	
_	Fusion weapon research	- Designs of arming and fuzing syste	ms

Improper markings in 307 of the 515 documents for classification level (e.g., Secret), classification category (e.g., RD), and/or automatic classification level downgrading occurred when the documents were originated or later during the documents' lifetime. The improper marking of the documents for classification level, classification category, and/or downgrading may have contributed to the inadvertent release of documents.

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The Department of State, the Department of the Army and NARA have been afforded an opportunity to review their specific documents containing the RD and FRD information. The 515 documents have been withdrawn from public access and protected in accordance with DOE requirements.

The inadvertently released nuclear weapons design information (RD) detailed in this report concerns the early generations of nuclear weapons that this country developed in the 1950s and 1960s. Potential adversaries, emerging proliferant nations and terrorist groups aggressively target U.S. nuclear weapon information. Information regarding older nuclear weapons is of significant value since it is often technically less sophisticated. These designs would be most readily used by a would-be nuclear proliferant to obtain its first nuclear weapon.

The inadvertently released nuclear weapons utilization information (FRD) detailed in this report could assist potential adversaries in assessing the strength of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Additionally, inadvertently released information on deployments of nuclear weapons outside the United States may violate international agreements and harm diplomatic ties with foreign host nations.

The inadvertently released naval nuclear propulsion information (also RD) addressed in this report could assist adversaries in the development of nuclear propulsion systems for their submarines and surface ships.

The training of other agency reviewers continues to reduce the rate at which Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data are improperly declassified.

DOE and NARA are working to better integrate their efforts to more quickly identify and safeguard documents potentially containing RD and FRD. All records that may contain RD and FRD are removed from public access. Details of the specific inadvertent releases are contained in the attached classified appendix.

APPENDIX: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (U) (DELETED VERSION)

RG/EO ¹ (Dept) ²	Year Declassified (Department) ³	Number of Documents containing RD/FRD ⁴	Origination Dates of the Documents ⁵	Number of Documents w/ Inappropriate Markings ⁶	No. of Pages RD	No. of Pages FRD	RD/FRD Information Inadvertently Made Publicly Available
RG 59 DELETED (State)	DELETED (State)	120	1950-1966	108 of 120	50	144	RD: - Mass or dimensions of fissile materials - Efficiency of nuclear materials - Boosting systems - Thermonuclear weapon design - Outputs or performance of nuclear weapons - Nuclear weapon materials costs - Gascous diffusion technology - Naval nuclear propulsion information FRD - Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities - Nuclear weapon storage locations - Costs of non-nuclear weapon components - Nuclear weapon yields - Delivery system accuracy - Nuclear test information - Utilization of nuclear weapons
RG 59 DELETED (State)	DELETED (State)	36	1960-1964	36 of 36	2	63	RD: - Naval nuclear propulsion information FRD - Nuclear weapon storage locations
RG 319 DELETED (Army)	DELETED (NARA)	40	1960	4 of 40	23	91	RD: - Mass or dimensions of fissile materials - Boosting systems - Detonation systems - High explosives for nuclear weapons - Nuclear weapon design details FRD: - Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities - Nuclear weapon storage locations - Nuclear weapon yields

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RG 319 DELETED (Army) continued from page 1							 Nuclear weapon height/depth of burst Nuclear safety and safing systems Designs of arming, fuzing or firing
RG 319 DELETED (Army)	DELETED (NARA)	13	1950-1954	11 of 13	3	69	RD: - Other weapon design information FRD - Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities - Nuclear weapon storage locations - Nuclear weapon yields - Nuclear weapon performance
RG 319 DELETED (Army)	DELETED (NARA)	68	1961-1962	32 of 68	6	115	RD: - Mass or dimensions of fissile material - Tampers and initiators - High explosives for nuclear weapons - Weapon/device output and performance - Other weapon design information FRD - Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities - Nuclear weapon storage locations - Nuclear weapon storage capacities - Costs of nuclear weapons or components - Nuclear weapon yields - Hardening, vulnerability and countermeasures
RG 319 DELETED (Army)	DELETED (NARA)	137	1965	20 of 137	215	311 1	RD: - Mass or dimensions of fissile materials - Efficiency of nuclear materials - Nuclear weapon tampers - Boosting systems - Detonation systems

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RG319 DELETED (Army) continued from Page 2						 High explosives for nuclear weapons Thermonuclear weapon design Outputs or performance of nuclear weapons Nuclear weapon design details Other nuclear weapon design information Nuclear weapon material costs Naval nuclear propulsion information FRD Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities Nuclear weapon storage locations Nuclear weapon yields Performance and operational limitations of weapons Nuclear weapon height/depth of burst Yield selection capability in a specified weapon Nuclear safety and safing systems Designs of arming, fuzing, or firing systems
RG 335 DELETED (Army)	DELETED (NARA)	101	1953-1962	96 of 101	40	RD: - Boosting systems - Thermonuclear weapon design - Outputs and performance of nuclear weapons - Nuclear weapon material costs - Fusion weapon research FRD: - Nuclear weapon stockpile quantities - Nuclear weapon storage locations - Costs of nuclear weapon components - Nuclear weapon yields - Nuclear weapon delivery system accuracy - Nuclear weapon test information - Hardening and countermeasures of nuclear weapons

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	Number of pages in findings	Number of Documents containing RD/FRD	Origination Dates of the Documents	Number of Documents w/ Inappropriate Markings	Pages	No. of Pages FRD	
Totals	9,191	515	1950-1966	307 of 515	339	854	

- 1 (U) RG/EO = Record Group/Executive Order Plan Number of the file series found to contain RD and/or FRD.
- 2 (U) Dept = Executive Branch Department or Agency that submitted the file series to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); State: Department of State; Army: Department of the Army.
- 3 (U) Year Declassified (Department) = Year the file series was declassified and the department/agency that conducted the declassification.
- 4 (U) Number of Documents containing RD/FRD = Number of documents found to contain RD and/or FRD per current classification guidance in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.
- 5 (U) Origination Dates of the Documents = Period of time over which the documents were originated.
- 6 (U) Number of Documents w/ Inappropriate Markings = Number of documents containing RD/FRD found to have inappropriate classification, declassification, and/or downgrading markings. This includes inadequately marked documents that had routing/transmittal/endorsement cover sheets with inappropriate markings.