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**AEC Chapter 3204 DISSEMINATION OF UNCLASSIFIED PUBLISHED
AND UNPUBLISHED AEC TECHNICAL
INFORMATION TO FOREIGN NATIONS**

3204-01 POLICY

It is the policy of the Atomic Energy Commission to permit and encourage AEC staff and AEC contractors and subcontractors, to the maximum extent practicable, to disseminate and exchange unclassified technical information relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy among scientists and technicians of this and other nations in general accord with the practices and customs in international scientific and technical communications.

3204-02 OBJECTIVES

- a. To provide free interchange of ideas and criticism which is essential to peaceful scientific and industrial progress of mankind and to enlarge the fund of technical information.
- b. To provide guidance with respect to the transmittal to foreign nations of unclassified and non-privileged published and unpublished technical information developed by AEC contractors and subcontractors insofar as they are engaged in programs administered by the AEC.

**3204-03 RESPONSIBILITIES AND
AUTHORITIES**

031 The Director, Division of Technical Information:

- a. advises and assists Headquarters Divisions and Offices and Field Offices as required in handling requests and transmittals.
- b. reviews unclassified unpublished technical information transmitted for the purpose of:
 1. making its availability known to scientists in the U.S. who are interested in such information; and
 2. publication of such portions of the transmitted information as appear to justify public dissemination.

- c. provides translation, publication, and distribution of technical information received in exchange from foreign nations.
- d. maintains liaison with other appropriate Government agencies having responsibilities in this field.
- e. approves agreements and provides appropriate assistance to depository libraries and other foreign scientific establishments under arrangements for the exchange of documents and related technical information services.

032 The Director, Division of International Affairs recommends disposition of unusual requests from foreign nations (see subsection 3204-053) for published or unpublished information from foreign nations.

033 Heads of Divisions and Offices, Headquarters, and Managers of Field Offices are responsible for assuring that members of their staffs and the contractors under their jurisdiction are advised of the provisions of this chapter and that the procedures are appropriately followed.

3204-04 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this chapter:

041 Foreign Nations refers to all nations (other than the United States, its territories and possessions), to the embassies, consulates, and agencies of such nations, and to individuals and organizations of such nations.

042 Published Information refers to unclassified scientific and technical documents; internal and informal reports; reprints, preprints, page proofs of journal articles; engineering drawings; photographs; films; notes; irradiated emulsions; etc., originated within the AEC program, and available either from the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, AEC depository libraries, or other sources from which the public may obtain the above

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types of information by purchase or without cost.

043 Unpublished Information refers to the same types of unclassified scientific and technical information described in subsection 3204-042 above, but which are not available from the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, AEC depository libraries, or from other sources from which the public may normally obtain the information by purchase or without cost.

3204-05 TRANSMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

051 Published Information. Subject to subsection 3204-053 below, transmittal by AEC staff, AEC contractors and subcontractors, of unclassified published, scientific and technical information relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy is permitted and encouraged and requests for such information from foreign nations may be filled by the recipients of the requests, provided, however, that requests from the nations listed in Group B of appendix 3204 are not filled in the name of the AEC.

052 Unpublished Information. Subject to subsection 3204-053, and to the provisions set forth in this subsection, transmittal by AEC staff, AEC contractors and subcontractors, of unclassified, unpublished scientific and technical information relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy is permitted and encouraged and requests for such information from foreign nations may be filled provided that:

- a. the information is made available to requesters in the U.S.;
- b. in filling requests from nations listed in appendix 3204, when appropriate equally valuable material is requested in return;
- c. requests from the nations listed in Group B of appendix 3204 are not filled in the name of the AEC; and
- d. in order to insure availability to requesters in the U.S., one copy of all unclassified, unpublished scientific and technical information (with the exception of personal correspondence covering informal scientific or technical opinion) transmitted is forwarded to the Contracting Officer for evaluation and consultation with cognizant Headquarters Division or Office Heads if necessary, and, if appro-

priate, for retransmittal to the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. (In the case of emulsions irradiated in U.S. machines which cannot be reproduced, similar or equivalent services shall be made available to legitimate and qualified U.S. requesters.)

053 Unusual Requests. Unusual requests from foreign nations for published or unpublished information should be referred to the Contracting Officer for transmittal to the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The referral should include a recommendation for disposition (preferably in the form of a proposed reply) and, where practicable, a listing of materials which might be provided to fill the request. A copy of the referral (with proposed reply, if any) should simultaneously be provided to the Director, Division of International Affairs, Headquarters. Examples of such requests are:

- a. Requests for collections of published documents or for unpublished information which are not readily available to the recipient of the request.
- b. Requests for comprehensive and detailed unpublished design information and unpublished development information on major equipment, such as reactors, chemical processing plants, and accelerators.
- c. Official correspondence from any foreign government.

054 Information of Interest to AEC. Technical information received from foreign nations which is considered to be of interest to the AEC or its contractors should be forwarded through the Contracting Officer to the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with appropriate comment, for reproduction and distribution. (If desired, original material will be returned upon completion of reproduction.)

055 Unobtainable Information. Technical information desired from foreign nations which cannot be obtained by request should be reported to the Division of Technical Information Extension, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with appropriate comments or suggestions for procurement.

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GROUP A

Albania
Bulgaria
Czechoslovakia
Estonia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland & Danzig
Rumania
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

GROUP B

China, including Manchuria (includes Inner Mongolia; the provinces of Tsinghai and Sikang; Sinkiang; Tibet; the former Kwantung Leased Territory, the present Port Arthur Naval Base Area and Liaoning Province) and excluding Taiwan (Formosa).
Communist-controlled area of Viet Nam
East Germany (Soviet Zone of Germany and the Soviet Sector of Berlin)
North Korea
Outer Mongolia

Cuba