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**“Information Security should be on everybody’s minds** whether they be a military member, civilian employee, or government contractor. The compromise of our nations classified or controlled unclassified information, whether from an insider threat or unauthorized public release, can have a devastating impact on our government, said Jeff Helfenstein, director of Information Protection of Air Education and Training Command.

**We all have** a lifelong obligation to protect this information and we need to develop a culture of Information Security where good security practices are not an afterthought. Adherence to AFI 35-102 is a step in that direction.”

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