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REVISION OF THE SECURITY ANNEXES TO THE CLASSIFIED AGREEMENTS FOR  
COOPERATION

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Our few months of experience in administering the participation of private persons under the classified bilaterals has pointed toward an immediate need for considering revision of the Security Annexes to those agreements.

The recently finalized security requirements which apply to domestic industry (Part 95) are quite different from those which apply to activities under a bilateral. The existence of a difference alone is cause for concern as the agreements imply that a similarity of security standards will be imposed. More important from our viewpoint are the difficulties of prescribing differing requirements upon industry. A basic difference is the imposition by the bilaterals of a "need to know" requirement at the confidential level. Part 95 limits this rudimentary requirement to the secret level. Various other important differences exist.

Another primary need for revision stems from the fact that the annexes were drafted without benefit of knowledge of the details of our program of private participation as it exists today. In this area, there are needs for agreeing on numerous matters such as exchanges of assurances, extraterritorial security control, etc.

We strongly urge that you give consideration as soon as practicable, and most importantly before further agreements are negotiated, to revising the Security Annexes.

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