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Subject: Fwd: Draft SRM on COMSECY-01-0030 Guidance on Release of Information to the Public

I read the attached COMSECY and have the following comments:

General: It seems to me that the comments should begin with, "Staff should develop a category of information, with a corresponding definition, that fits the following criteria. When this category is identified and defined, legal authority should be sought to support the withholding of such information (e.g., Section 147 of the AEA)." [NOTE: This change would affect items 11 and 13 in the draft COMSECY.]

Comment 1: This doesn't address the issue of "compiled" information or data, i.e., the risk associated with the ability to combine one piece of supposedly harmless data with another, thereby achieving a critical mass of info useful to the terrorist. This was one of Cmr. Diaz's pet concerns for years, and probably still is.

Comment 2: Not withholding info that is already widely available is sensible, but it prevents us from ever really changing the rules of the game.

Comment 3: Can cost include destruction of the plant by terrorist act?

Comment 16: Revise to read "The Commission is opposed to withholding physical protection and emergency planning performance indicators or inspection findings **once the findings are corrected . . .**" (See comment 20)

Comment 18: Not withholding the specific location of the plants is a good idea and answered the oft-asked question about long/lats.

Comment 20: Revise to add, at the end of the paragraph, "or existing vulnerabilities." (See comment 16)

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