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As you know by now, since our meeting yesterday afternoon, we have received a document recently issued by OHS, defining a category of information called Sensitive Homeland Security Information and described rights of access, storage, marking, and transmission. I believe that this document answered the need we discussed yesterday to have a well-defined category of information and plans for protection.

However, we have certain questions regarding the document that need to be addressed. Therefore, by copy of this e-mail, I am sending these questions to Wayne Burnside and Henry Bailey:

Assuming SHSI can be transmitted by STU-III, can it be transmitted by encrypted e-mail? Will Federal agencies have access to Law Enforcement On-Line (LEO) and Regional Information Sharing System (RISS)?

In the Background section, Tasks 3 and 4 raise the issue of Top Secret clearances for state officials. Is this a relevant to the discussion of SHSI, or should it be removed and reserved for a separate effort?

When information is received by a Federal agency and the agency deems the information to be SHSI, does it have the authority to designate it as such? (For example, information received from a member of the public that fits the definition of SHSI.)

**CC:** Henry Bailey; Wayne Burnside

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