SUBJECT: United States - United Kingdom Security Agreement

TO: Chief of Ordnance
Chief of Engineers
Chief Signal Officer
The Surgeon General
Chief, Chemical Corps
The quartermaster General
Chief of Transportation

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2. The United States Chiefs of Staff and the British Chiefs of Staff agree that insofar as the U.S. and the U.K. are concerned, the safeguards indicated above also apply to information developed by the U.S. and U.K. jointly in collaboration with a third nation.

3. It is agreed in respect of classified information originating in one country to the other, that the receiving country will not disclose such information within the framework of its laws and rules to prevent any loss of patent rights in the information. Specifically, it is declared and agreed that:

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b. The information, so long as it remains classified, will not be used or disclosed by the recipient country in any manner likely to prejudice the rights of the originator to obtain patent protection in respect thereof, but if the recipient country desires to use or to disclose the information in any manner likely so to prejudice the rights of the originator, then the recipient country will immediately notify the country of origin of the full circumstances of such intended use or disclosure, and such use or disclosure shall not be effected until approval is given by the country of origin.

c. Each country when so requested by the other and to the extent consistent with its laws and rules will use its best endeavors

(1) to have maintained in secrecy any patent application filed in the recipient country in respect of the information for so long as may be desired by the country of origin, and

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4. For the purpose of this agreement the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, and India are considered to be separate nations.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]

BENJAMIN P. WITSELL
Major General
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