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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: Review of Department of Defense Security Policies and Procedures

The recent unauthorized disclosures are a stark reminder that security procedures in both the cyber and physical domain are foundational to Department of Defense (DoD) mission success. We must ensure the Department's procedures related to access to, protection of, and accountability for proper handling of classified information are optimized to prevent unauthorized disclosures of sensitive information.

I therefore direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)), in coordination with the DoD Chief Information Officer and the Director, Administration and Management, to lead a comprehensive review of DoD security programs, policies, and procedures, to include aspects related to DoD cybersecurity, operations and physical security, information security, personnel security, and insider threat programs. This effort shall include: a review of existing security programs, policies, and procedures; an assessment of the Department's adherence to them; and an evaluation of their effectiveness.

Within 45 days of this memorandum, USD(I&S) will provide me with initial findings and recommendations to improve the Department's policies and procedures related to the protection of classified information.

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