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This is to request your assistance or guidance.

~~(S)~~ As you may recall, DIA was involved in a review last year of a manuscript about China's nuclear weapons program, written by a former employee of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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(U) Bottom line to the review was that DIA opposed publication of roughly 25% of the material.

(b)(3):10 USC 424 was the primary reviewer for DIA.) OSD/Policy weighed in with a complete objection to publication of any of it. The DoD security/policy review office (which took the lead for the review for DoD) agreed with OSD/Policy and that became the DoD position.

(U) Since then the author has retained the services of an attorney, who is "exploring" DoD objections and challenging DoD review. I have attached a copy of a desknote that is being forwarded to the CE, which explains in a little more detail the current state of play.

(U) Also below is a note I sent to (b)(3):10 USC 424

(U) The DoD security/policy review office (DFOISR) has sent a memo to DIA requesting our input/comments on a number of issues. One in particular concerns DIA's/DoD's grounds for having the need to review the manuscript. As I note below, PO-PA will prepare the DIA reply to DFOISR, but am in need of DO input in explaining DIA equities in the manuscript. The DIA reply to DFOISR is due 20 April.

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(U) Am bringing this to your attention since you have some familiarity with this case from your days as (b)(3):10 USC 424 Deputy and also to seek your assistance/guidance. I realize that there may be a lot of sensitivity regarding discussion of (b)(1),1.4 (c) In addition to (b)(3):10 USC 424 not sure if there are other offices within DO I should be contacting. (b)(3):10 USC 424 is aware of this case and the inquiries being made by the author's attorney.) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(3):10 USC 424