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Special Operation Manual No. 1-01 Posting #2.

List of comments.

COVER

*1. The word "RESTRICTED" is placed on the cover. Restricted was a security classification that was being phased in 1954. Restricted Data (RD) and Formerly Restricted Data (FRD) are used to refer to nuclear weapons data. Use of the word RESTRICTED, therefore, causes confusion especially since the cover is the only place it is used. Security regulations at the 1954 do not have a special use for the word other than those cited above. Nowhere in the text of the manual is this use addressed.

2. The classification of "SOM 1-01" on the cover is not indicated. (See below 6)

*3. The designation TO 12D1-3-11-1 is not explained anywhere in the manual. The Army and the Air Force issued many joint manuals. The Army's designation would be TM (Technical Manual) and a series of number (and sometime letters.) The Air Force designation TO (Technical Order) was also used in smaller lettering/numbering as in this case. A research item would be to look up the TO-12D1-3-11-1 in the index of Air Force Technical Orders. (A prediction is that it will refer to an unclassified packaging manual.)

4. What is the security classification of "TO-12D1-3-11-1"? (See below 6)

5. What is the security classification of the manual title? (See below 6)

6. There is no short title. The security classification of numerical and title determine the classification of documents that refer to these titles and designations. To allow manuals to be cited in lower classified security documents a "short title" either unclassified or a lower classification is created. While this procedure was not effective in 1954, a modification should have been made later and added to the cover.

7. "Eyes Only" is not a security classification. It is sometimes used as a communication procedure and sometimes as custom in the military. It sounds very "James Bond." However, when used in communication it is generally directed to one named individual. I would very much like to see a security manual that covers "Eyes Only."

8. There should be on the cover somewhere "copy #---- of----copies." This was a printed manual. Each copy should be serial numbered. (See

below 9)

*9. There is no Top Secret Control Number. The US Army Europe Supplement to Army Regulation 380-5 has a good designation, not used universally throughout the Army, Continuous Controlled Accountability (CCA), but helpful in understanding the security procedures for Top Secret and other specially classified documents. Top Secret, Communication Security items such as codes and key material (COMSEC), NATO Secret are CCA documents.

They must be individual accounted for (that means control and serial numbers), an individual is always signed for them, and they must be under control of that individual or in an authorized security container. In addition each person that looks at a Top Secret document is required to sign a form that he has read it. The argument has been made on this list that Top Secret documents have been found in the archives that do not have TS control number. This is argument by exception and is meaningless. Such documents appear to be security violations. A security violation does not negate the regulation--it is a violation of the regulation. Just as someone who commits murder but is never caught does not negate the law against murder. Archived documents also have to a certain extent been demilitarized or sanitized so the argument does not necessarily apply. SM 1-01 does not appear to be an archived document, but an active document. As such, there were almost 40 years to correct this major deficiency, but no one bothered.

This is extraordinary considering the almost constant admonishment against security lapses in the manual itself.

10. The manual, issued by the MAJESTIC--12 GROUP, has what appears to be an US Army seal. Army manual from this period carried such seals.

11. The security warning appears to be incomplete. Most--although I can't say all--usually enumerate the penalties for security violations.

12. There is not page count. Most, not all manuals of this time would have a page count so the accountable individual could easily verify that the manual was complete.

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