



## A Five-Slab Classification of Sensitive Information, which the Scientists and the Employees of SPD Organizations Come Across — Handling, Dissemination and Processing

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**Abstract** – A 5-slab classification of sensitive (classified) information is proposed, instead of the customary 3-slab classification in practice these days. Color codes have been assigned to various categories — **BLACK** (key information to be shared with the core team operating the commissioned product), **RED** (could be shared with members of the core R&D group on need-to-know basis), **YELLOW** (could be shared within the same SPD organization), **GREEN** (could be shared with other SPD organizations in the country as well as friendly countries) and **WHITE** (publishable work in the public domain). The scientists and the employees of SPD (Strategic-Planning Division) organizations in Pakistan need to be trained to properly handle, disseminate and process such information, in particular, product designs and diagrams, product-specific formulae and equations as well as product specifications (*e. g.*, transfer time, *aka*, time-of-flight for MRBMs, IRBMs and ICBMs for missions designed to hit specific targets), during internal discussions and press briefings as well as in confidential reports and publicly-available documents (popular science articles, national & international conference abstracts/proceedings, review articles, research papers, defense-policy papers, security analyses). Communication within the group should be through a cipher code for secure-encrypted communications to prevent leaking of sensitive information through e-mails and smart phones. 30 years after leaving an SPD organization, the author is, still, safeguarding trust of the nation.

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