

**Background**

The Air Force STINFO program dates back to the early 1960's, when Lt Gen James Ferguson, DCS/Research and Development, issued the "Plan for Scientific and Technical Information (STINFO) Program."

The objective of the STINFO program in 1964 was "to assist Air Force R&D [Research and Development] agencies to carry out their responsibilities for making maximum contribution toward the advancement of Air Force, Department of Defense and National RDT&E [Research, Development, Test and Evaluation] effort through an effective and balanced Scientific and Technical Information Program."

Today, the mission is much the same. However, to emphasize the current program applies not just to Science and Technology (S&T), but to all of RDT&E, the name has been changed to the Scientific Technical Information (STINFO) program.

This program is implemented by DAFI 61-201.

**What is STINFO?**

Classified and unclassified technical information used, or adapted for use, to design, produce, manufacture, assemble, test, operate, maintain, repair, overhaul, or reproduce any U.S. military system equipment or software or technology concerning such equipment.

**Why STINFO?**

To make the maximum contribution to the national economy, sharing, leveraging, & protecting Air Force RDT&E will lead to:

- *Effective use of the results of RDT&E investment*
- *Reduced duplication of research*
- *Increased seeding of the industrial base*

Effective, positive control of RDT&E information will lead to:

- *Stronger national security*
- *Increase of U.S. technological advantage and competitiveness of the industrial base*
- *Compliance with public law*
- *Protect intellectual property*

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# STINFO

Scientific and Technical Information



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- determining whether the document contains export-controlled technical data IAW DoDD 5230.25 and marking appropriately
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- Modernization Plans
- Defense Technical Area Plans
- Specifications, Standards
- Catalog Item Identification
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- Basic Research Planning Documents
- Research and Development Results
- Technical Orders/Technical Manuals
- War Fighting Science and Technology Plans
- Computer Software and Documentation

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- Test And Evaluation
- Vulnerability Information

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