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Hi Pat,

We have a few follow up questions after reading about the Drone Advisory Committee in the Washington Post Article published 10/23/2017. For the benefit of the end-user community, we are curious to know who initiated the Confidentiality Agreement policy? Furthermore, we would be interested in knowing the name of the Federal official who gave authorization? Were any members excluded or forced to leave the DAC because of the NDA policy? Finally, where are NDA's cited in the FACA Act?

The following quotes are for your reference. - *"FAA contractor that manages the group told members they had to **sign a far-reaching confidentiality agreement to keep participating.**" and **"Please do not distribute this material to other TG1 members,"** an executive from the FAA contractor wrote in an email."*

Respectfully,



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Hi Margaret,

We have a few follow up questions after reading about the Drone Advisory Committee in the Washington Post Article published 10/23/2017. We are wondering if you could elaborate more on the subject of members being asked to sign confidentiality agreements or face expulsion from the committee?

We are also interested to know whose idea it was to implement the NDA policy, and if it was the RTCA or the FAA who authorized the implementation? Furthermore, I would be interested to know if any of the members who chose not to/could not sign had to leave the Drone Advisory Committee?

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