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- Don't carry the only copy of data you can't afford to lose.
- Have a "Plan B" if there is data you will need when you reach your destination.
- Consider taking a clean device equipped with recognizable software and minimal data.

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- Basic and applied research in science and engineering;
- Published results for defense items on the U.S. Munitions List;
- Published or publishable results for commercial (dual use) items on the Commerce Control List; and,
- Summary information for defense articles on the U.S. Munitions List:
 - General system descriptions and principles taught in university courses;
 - Technical information in certain "top-level" categories.

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- available through sale at newsstands and bookstores;

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- detailed test data or test procedures;
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- detailed schematic diagrams or interface information, as well as manufacturing or assembly processes and analytical methods of procedures.

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