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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH   : Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT   : CIA Polygraph Program

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The Office of Security is responsible for the conduct of the polygraph program of CIA, [   ]   25X1
Begun in 1948, at the direction of the DCI, it soon reached the point in 1951 where all applicants for employment were given polygraph examinations.

3. The following categories of personnel are polygraphed:

a. All staff and staff-type applicants, employees, military and civilian personnel formally assigned from other agencies. [   ]   25X1
[   ]   25X1

b. All covert employees recruited in the U.S.,   25X1
when the test is considered necessary by the Deputy Director (Plans) and the Director of Security. [   ]
[   ] It should be
pointed out that, through the years [   ]   25X1
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c. All personnel assigned to guard, maintenance and char force duties in the Headquarters Building.

d. All employees of contractors, [   ]   25X1
telephone and vending machine operators, who are
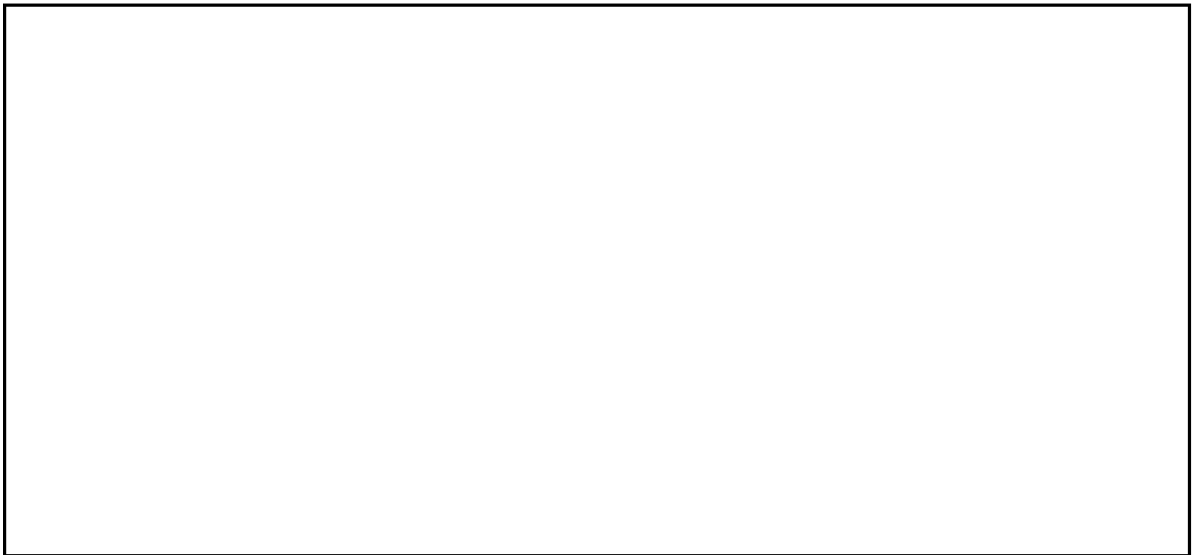
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assigned to sensitive classified duties in Agency buildings
or whose work schedule does not lend itself to escort service.

     e. Consultants on an individual case basis with the
concurrence of the Deputy Director concerned. Of the
current list of abou[   ]consultants, [ ]have not been
tested because of unavailability, are in a pending status
or will not have access to highly sensitive material.

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6. There are two major exceptions to the above procedures:

     a. No person with a serious physical or emotional
disability is polygraphed until the disability is corrected.

     b. Girls under 18 years of age are cleared through
SECRET only and are not polygraphed. Eighteen year old
girls may volunteer to take the test if a TOP SECRET
clearance is desired. All girls, however, are polygraphed
after their 19th birthday.

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