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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/DDS&T**

**SUBJECT : Attached Memorandum from the Director of Security Dealing with R&D Security Procedures**

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1. Historically the referenced memorandum was caused by several cables from the Director of the Air Force Project on the West Coast objecting to Agency attempts to sign up his staff for ██████████ and ██████████ access. As a result the DNRO sent over the attached request (marked basic), and a survey of the security practices of both the Air Force and this Agency in the R & D field was conducted by representatives of the Special Security Center last February.

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2. Paragraph 2a represents a change from present procedures in that all ██████████ contractor clearances will be recorded in the CIA Central Index. The permissible language "It would save time and money if . . . one could build on clearability previously established . . ." is obviously designed to permit this Agency to continue (without coming right out and saying it) to take a fresh look at an individual's clearability despite the fact that he may currently possess an Air Force ██████████ clearance.

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3. Paragraph 2b represents no change from the current practice.

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4. Paragraph 2c appears to be intentionally ambiguous compared with the language of 2b. This ambiguity is undoubtedly designed to encompass those ██████████ Projects where joint Air Force/CIA access approval authority has been agreed upon while at the same time countenance the sole authority of a Program Director managing an activity where such agreements have not been reached.

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5. Paragraph 2d appears to be directly responsive to Dr. ██████████ request. The NRO will be the repository for the Registry.

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6. The language in paragraph 2e "placed under ██████████ control" gives no guidance concerning whether an R&D effort would be associated with an existing operational project, or whether access would be permitted for anyone holding any ██████████ clearance. I believe from a security clearability standpoint that the latter interpretation is intended.

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7. Paragraph f approaches, but does not quite come to grips with, one of the underlying issues where it says that R&D activities should be formally entered into the ██████████ System "where a complete system is deemed to be feasible." Undoubtedly the memorandum intends that the Program Director will be the one who determines feasibility. In the past this has been a debatable point with the Air Force insisting that the DNRO must make this decision. Also the words "formally entered into the ██████████ System" does not define how this is accomplished. I am sure it is intended that the present procedures under which the DCI makes this formal determination will be retained.

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