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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Office of Security Annual Report for 1958

1. At your request I have reviewed the annual report of the Office of Security which was forwarded to you by the DD/S on 28 January 1959, and have also discussed the report in some detail with the Director of Security and with Mr. [REDACTED]. I believe that the following additional comments make this report a little more significant.

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a. Chart #1, which shows an annual record of overt and semicovert cases received, includes all staff applications, all other full field investigations, all name checks performed for the [REDACTED] of the Contact Division of the Office of Operations, all people checked for classified procurement, technical contracts, administrative support and miscellaneous.

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b. Chart #2, showing the full field investigations, must be taken in context with Chart #3 which shows the staff applicants received and the total approved. For example, of the 7082 full field investigations conducted only 3281 of these were for staff applicants. The other 3801 full field investigations were on all other types of individuals of interest to the Agency, such as agents, consultants, contractor personnel working on our classified projects, etc. I would call particular attention to the fact that in Chart #3 the Office of Security was asked to investigate 3281 staff applicants in 1958 but only 1980 were approved. This does not mean that 1301 were disapproved inasmuch as the risk disapprovals only run seven to eight per cent. In other words, more than 1200 were withdrawn or dropped out.

c. Chart #4 shows the length of time it takes to clear an applicant. The Security Office is to be commended for the fact that in 1958 they cleared applicants on an average of 11.3 days faster than in the previous two years, or in about two and one-half months' time. It should be noted that the average is 50 to 60 days in field investigation followed by 18 days of appraisal before a final decision is made. The

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Director of Security acknowledges that we could perhaps save a few days by putting more people in the appraisal section but does not feel this would be worthwhile. It should also be noted that the average cost of a security investigation is about \$200.

d. Chart #5 could be amplified by the comment that the 11,391 covert cases received include all requests for security approvals, security clearances and operational and proprietary contacts.



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f. Chart #7 on counteraudio surveillance inspections shows that we did [redacted] (If anything, we should do more of this.)

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g. Chart #8 shows the annual record of headquarters security violations. This might well cause raised eyebrows because it shows we had 707 in 1956, 646 in 1957 and 890 in 1958. The 890 includes overseas violations and the current figure for headquarters violations is 540, or a drop of 106 from the previous year--an even greater proportionate reduction than occurred between '56 and '57.

3. Like the report from the Medical Staff, I would also suggest that the Office of Security continue to present this report, but add certain explanatory notes in presenting it next year.

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Inspector General

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