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Mr. Raymond P. Whearty
Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security
2107 Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Whearty:

The draft of "Minimum Standards for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information" forwarded with your letter of 9 October 1950 addressed to the Director, CIA, has been carefully considered.

It is desired to make the general comment that the Central Intelligence Agency, under its responsibilities as defined by the National Security Act of 1947, must incorporate intelligence material received from other agencies into its finished studies for dissemination to interested departments and agencies. In addition, as a consuming agency, the Central Intelligence Agency must reproduce intelligence material for intra-agency dissemination in order for intelligence studies and spot intelligence summaries to be quickly prepared on a current basis.

The principle of establishing minimum standards for the handling and transmission of classified information in the Executive departments and agencies is subscribed to by the Central Intelligence Agency; and, aside from the above general comments, this Agency has no specific changes to recommend concerning the draft as submitted.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

/s/

SHEFFIELD EDWARDS
Colonel, CSC

Chief, Inspection & Security Staff

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This reply was concurred in orally
by the AD/OCD and Legal Counsel.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY

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October 9, 1950

Lt. General Walter B. Smith
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

In Executive Order 9835, dated March 21, 1947, the President directed the now defunct Security Advisory Board to draft rules applicable to the handling and transmission of confidential documents and other documents and information which should not be publicly disclosed.

A preliminary draft of minimum standards for the handling and transmission of classified information was circulated among various agencies of the Government by the Board. However, submission to the President of the final and revised draft was deferred upon the advice of the Bureau of the Budget. The minimum standards continued to be held in suspension and the Security Advisory Board was dissolved.

On September 27, 1950, the ICIS approved the enclosed draft entitled "Regulations Establishing Minimum Standards for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information in Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government," dated September 14, 1950. The draft was prepared by the ICIS Subcommittee on the Protection of Classified Government Data which consists of representatives from the Departments of Defense, Justice, State and Commerce and an Observer from the Bureau of the Budget.

The ICIS would appreciate receiving whatever comments your agency may have on the above draft and for your convenience, in this regard, I am enclosing five copies. It would be further appreciated if such comments could be received by October 17, since it is expected that a special meeting will be held on October 19 for the purpose of approving submission of the minimum standards to the National Security Council.

Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Raymond P. Whearty
Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on
Internal Security

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