

29 May 1953

The Honorable Philip Young  
Chairman, Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Young:

This Agency is preparing to issue appropriate regulations pursuant to Executive Order 10450 relating to security requirements for Government employment. I feel it appropriate to indicate to you some of the special considerations applying in the case of this Agency, necessitated by the laws applicable in this general field to CIA.

With reference to Section 9 of Executive Order 10450, I wish to quote from the letter which I sent to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on 16 March 1953 when our comments were requested on the original draft of the proposed Executive Order:

"Reference is made to paragraph 9(a) and (b) regarding the establishment and maintenance by the Civil Service Commission of a security investigations index covering all persons as to whom security investigations have been made by any Government agency under this Order and directing all agencies to furnish to the Civil Service Commission appropriate information for the establishment and maintenance of the index. Attention in this connection is invited to Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Pl. 110 - 81st Congress) which provides that CIA shall be exempted from the provisions of any law which requires the publication or disclosure of CIA organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency. The furnishing of a complete roster of the names of CIA employees, which in effect would be required by compliance with paragraph 9, would be inconsistent with CIA security requirements and with the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. However, we would desire, whenever consistent with the security of sensitive operations, to continue to furnish to the Civil Service Commission the names of employees who are terminated for security reasons by CIA. The handling of such information would continue under the present special arrangements with the Commission which have been designed to protect sensitive CIA operations."

We assume there is no necessity for changing the special arrangements previously made with the Commission mentioned in that letter and we shall therefore continue those arrangements which were designed for the protection of CIA security.

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In connection with Sections 3(a) and 8(c) of Executive Order No. 10450, you are advised that CIA makes its own security investigations, which are in effect a full field investigation of all of its employees, except where special considerations dictate that a full field investigation should be made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In connection with Section 3(b) of Executive Order 10450, I have designated all regular positions in the Central Intelligence Agency as sensitive positions within the meaning of the Executive Order. I believe that this action is warranted in view of the nature of the work of the Agency and the fact that occupants in any position in the Agency could bring about a material adverse effect on the national security.

The President's letter to the heads of Executive departments and agencies dated 27 April 1953 relating to this subject and the letter from the Commission dated 1 May 1953 refer to designation of appropriate individuals to be available for service as members of security hearing boards of other departments and agencies. These designations will be furnished to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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