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Memorandum for: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Polygraph Operations

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for DCI approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 8.
2. Attached is the polygraph policy paper (Attachment A) for the Acting DCI's signature to supersede the memorandum signed by the Director on 16 July 1955 (Attachment B).
3. This brings the policy up to date with the inclusion of an amplification of Section 2(a)b. Section 2(d) has been changed to cover the new contract types recently defined in [REDACTED]
4. We have included also three types of cases where experience and public relations have dictated that they not be tested. (See Sec. 3, Attachment B.) These include among others serious cardiac cases and the 17 and 18 year old girls.
5. We have also stated that we are attempting to locate and train a suitably qualified female examiner.
6. Section 3 Charts, which in the new paper is Section 5, has the addition of staff-type contract employees (both domestic and overseas) and distinguishes between overt and covert cases.
7. Section 4, Attachment A, has been amplified to indicate that recordings are for the mutual protection of the polygraph examiner and the individual as well as a means of a check on the interview.

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