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OLC 78-3157
11 October 1978

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael Malanick, ADDA



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FROM : Coordination and Review Staff
Office of Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Chronological History of Purchase of Hillside Safes Through GSA

1. In late September, we received a telephone request from Pete Roman, on the staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices and Open Government, who reported that he had received an anonymous tip that the Agency had "half a warehouse full of defective safes from a subsidiary of Art Metals Corporation." Roman said that he had also been provided the names of two Agency employees who could provide him the details about these safes. After a discussion with Mr. Malanick, we decided and Mr. Roman agreed that at this time it would be better to make arrangements to provide him the pertinent documents on this matter.

2. On 2 October, Mr. Malanick provided this office with 23 documents which provide a chronological history of the purchase by CIA of Hillside Safes (a subsidiary of Art Metals Products). On 6 October, the undersigned showed Mr. Roman the 23 documents with the instructions that should he want any of these documents they would be released to him in an unclassified version and that the names of Agency employees would be deleted as appropriate. Mr. Roman concluded that he wanted the entire package of documents.

3. The release of document number 1, which was originated by the Department of State, was approved by Mr. James Kolesnik, Chief, FOIA Office of Security, Department of State. The release of documents numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 was coordinated

On file GSA release instructions apply. State Dept. review completed

ARMY review(s) completed.
OSD review(s) completed.

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with Mr. Paul H. Riley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics, Department of Defense. Neither Mr. Riley nor Mr. Kolesnik had any objection to our releasing these documents to Mr. Roman in their entirety.

4. At the request of Mr. Malanick, the names of Agency employees, except for Messrs. [redacted] and Howard Osborn, have been deleted from these documents. Mr. Malanick reviewed the attached material for classification purposes and determined that the Agency originated documents could be released to Mr. Roman in an unclassified form and those documents which bore classification markings or internal handling markings have been re-marked and declassified accordingly.

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5. Attached is a set of the documents as they will be passed to Mr. Roman. Your concurrence on the release of this package is requested. When these documents are provided to Mr. Roman, we will request that no public use be made of these documents without prior clearances from the Agency.

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Attachments:
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Michael Malanick, ADDA

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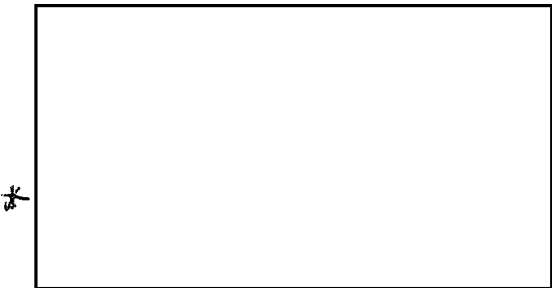
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SUBJECT: (Optional) *E. GSA*

FROM: C&R Staff/OLC <i>6D15</i>	EXTENSION	NO.	OLC 78-3157
		DATE	11 October 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
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1. Michael Malanick ADDA 7D18	10/11	10/12	<i>gy</i>	--HAND CARRY-- <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;"> Note: <u>Today (10/12/78)</u> (for SSCI) and Pete Palmer (for HPSCI) have been advised of this matter and each will handle it whatever way they feel is appropriate with their respective committees. </p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">12 OCT. 78</p>
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Dear Commissioner Abersfeller:

The Department of State has been advised that your Agency proposes to establish a single awards contract for security cabinets currently available under the multiple awards contract.

The fact that pre-production models of security cabinets are tested by the Bureau of Standards to meet the requirements of the General Services Administration and the Interagency Advisory Committee on Security Equipment has given this Department the assurance that we are utilizing the best possible safe storage equipment for the protection of classified material; and, further, the fact that we have had the prerogative to procure cabinets that best suit our varied requirements raises a doubt on our part as to the feasibility and practicability of a single awards contract.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the Department of State has the full responsibility for maintaining all safe storage equipment, not only for State but for other U. S. agencies as well that are officed in our overseas posts.

On many occasions our Security engineers and technicians have found inherent weaknesses in security cabinets, vault doors, and locks which were in effect security hazards to our operations both abroad and domestically. In order to correct these deficiencies the Department placed a moratorium on further purchase of the defective equipment until the weaknesses were corrected. Because of the multiple-awards contract provisions being available, the Department was able to purchase other approved security equipment during the period corrective measures were being taken.

Matters of particular interest to this agency, notwithstanding the above, are:

1. Flexibility:

The Honorable

E. A. Abersfeller

Commissioner, Federal Supply Service

General Services Administration

18th and "F" Streets, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

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1. Flexibility:

Should a manufacturer's security cabinet or lock develop an inherent weakness, or if from field use it is found that we are having continued maintenance problems, we now have the flexibility to purchase-- under the existing multiple awards contract--another manufacturer's cabinet at the same price, to insure this agency of its continued protection of classified material.

2. Compromise:

As a result of the flexibility of procurement of security cabinets, under the existing multiple awards contract, one manufacturer's cabinet may be compromised due to advanced technological methods developed by the opposition. A moratorium on the particular security cabinet could then be placed in effect pending necessary countermeasure action. In the meantime, if necessary, procurement of other cabinets from other sources could be effected. Under a single awards contract, if the manufacturer's cabinet is compromised due to advanced technological methods, compromise of all of similar cabinets wherever they may be located would occur.

3. Parts Requirements:

In our overseas establishments we have an estimated 893 Mosler (Class 3) security cabinets and 2,000 Diebold and Herring-Hall-Marvin (Class 2) security cabinets which belong to the Department of State. In addition, there are an estimated 1,000 Mosler security cabinets as well as many other types belonging to other U. S. agencies, for which the Department of State must provide maintenance. It is reasonable to assume that if the proposed single awards contract is implemented, other manufacturers of security cabinets would most likely not continue to have replacement parts readily available. Replacement parts required would then have to be special ordered at excessive costs.

Another factor that must be considered in the instance of a single awards contract for security cabinets, is the possibility that the contractor obtaining the single awards contract may shut down his factory due to a strike, fire, or any other problem that may hamper their production of security cabinets. What means of approach can then be taken to procure

security cabinets

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security cabinets for the storage of classified material should an emergency arise and the single awards contractor is temporarily or permanently out of business?

In closing, I would like to say that the proposal by your Agency to establish a single awards contract for security cabinets could adversely affect our ability to implement Section 6 (3) of Executive Order 10501, which states, in part: "Custodians of classified defense material shall be responsible for providing the best possible protection and accountability for such material at all times..." It is hoped that your Agency will consider the foregoing and continue the multiple awards contract for security cabinets.

Sincerely,

G. Marvin Gentile
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security.

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The Honorable H. A. Abernethy
Commissioner, Federal Supply Service
General Services Administration
15th and "K" Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Commissioner Abernethy:

The Central Intelligence Agency has learned that General Services Administration has under consideration a proposal to establish a single awards contract for security cabinets to replace the multiple awards contract now in effect.

As we made known previously, through our representative on the Interagency Advisory Committee on Security Equipment, this Agency is opposed to single source awards in the vital field of security cabinets. It is our feeling that much of the progress which has been made over the past several years in the development of better security cabinets is directly attributable to the present practice of multiple awards contracts. Further, the limiting of supply availability to a single source could result in the non-availability of security containers for an indefinite period, if the manufacturing capability of the single source was interrupted for any reason. This, of course, would have an adverse effect on the security program of this Agency.

In view of the security considerations involved, it would be reassuring to know that the multiple contract awards for security cabinets will remain in effect so that the agencies of the Government, involved in the handling of sensitive security information, will be assured of the continued availability of security cabinets of the highest quality and security.

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Howard S. Osborn
Director of Security



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STATEMENT BY [REDACTED] CIA, SAFE TECHNICIAN

Sometime in September 1969, [REDACTED] received approximately 130 Hillside Class VI filing cabinets. It is my responsibility to inspect these units before putting them in stock for subsequent issue. Upon my inspecting a number of these units, I determined that a lot of them were very shoddy in construction: locks were loose; there were sharp edges on the drawers and cabinet structures; many sharp edges on weldments; and the metal cover latch scraped the latch hole and developed jagged metal burrs. It was also noted that these cabinets did not meet the specifications of AA-F-358e Int. Specifically, I took exception to the fact that it was possible to secure the lock drawer with any other drawer open three inches or less from the fully closed position. Also, drawer pulls were loose, latches were not installed properly, and the drawer metal covers were in a partially open condition when the drawer began its opening cycle prior to depressing of the latch.

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Since all of the aforementioned problems were of major concern, it was apparent that I had to have help from the Office of Security, Technical Branch (OS/TB). Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] of the OS/TB inspected some of the Class VI cabinets at [REDACTED] and agreed that action must be taken by our Agency to get GSA to take back all of the 130 units and return them to Hillside Metal Products for repair, etc. Through the remainder of 1969 and early 1970, various efforts were made to correct the problem with Hillside. Sometime in early 1970 the Safemasters Company was contracted by Hillside to correct deficiencies we had cited. Safemasters Company only repaired and tried to correct those deficiencies that GSA instructed them to, and this left many faults uncorrected. After inspecting the repairs made by the Safemasters Company, I was still not satisfied that the cabinets would stand up under field operating conditions and so informed Mr. Brown, Quality Control GSA representative through their Unit at Crystal City in Arlington, Va. I was told that the repairs made by Safemasters Company were all of the repairs that were going to be made, and that everyone else; DOD, Navy, Army, etc. were accepting the cabinets (as modified). I still insisted that they were inferior in construction and would not meet our requirements. Furthermore, I learned it was practically impossible to procure any spare parts for these units. Since our Procurement Division told me that the Agency was going to accept

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these units as is, I again turned to our OS/TB and they put me in touch with a Mr. Klekner, Physical Security Branch, Office of the Provost Marshall General, on April 1970, at the Pentagon to discuss these Hillside Class VI cabinets. On the morning of 8 April 1970, I received a phone call from Chief, Materiel Facilities Branch, [redacted] telling me that "forget the meeting at the Pentagon with DOD, it had been cancelled."

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As a means to clarify certain statements (Attachment 3)
made by [redacted] the undersigned contacted
[redacted] by phone on 5 October 1978. The following repre-
sents a recap of his comments.

(a) Original Statement

"Since our Procurement Division told me that
the Agency was going to accept these units --."

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It is [redacted] recollection that, after
months of effort with all the parties involved to
reject the safes, the supply system found itself
without safes to issue. Under the "low bidder"
concept, any attempt to order additional safes
through GSA would result in the delivery of addi-
tional Hillside safes. Therefore, to meet existing
needs the system had no choice but to accept and
issue the Hillside units.

(b) Original Statement

STAT "I received a phone call from Chief, Materiel Facilities Branch, [redacted] telling me 'to forget the meeting at the Pentagon with DOD, it had been cancelled'."

STAT It is [redacted] recollection that the Chief, MFB was then Mr. [redacted] who retired some four or five years ago and is not now in the immediate area.

STAT [redacted] stated that he did not wish to imply that the meeting was cancelled under questionable circumstances. He merely wished to state that it was cancelled for reasons that he is unaware. He stated that at the time he accepted the cancellation as one of those things, i.e., conflict with other meetings, illness or possibly a security issue.

Chief, Supply Division, OL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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SUBJECT: Class 6 Security Cabinets

27 JUN 1969

Commanding General
U. S. Army Natick Laboratories
ATTN: GEPL-SOF
Natick, Massachusetts 07160

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Mr. Emanuel Kintisch, of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (I&L), and your Mr. S. T. Athas, on 26 June 1969, concerning an inspection of Class 6 security cabinets.

2. As requested by Mr. Athas, we are forwarding to Natick one Mosler and one Hillside Class 6 security cabinet. The expected shipping date is 1 July 1969.

3. It is requested that:

a. A determination be made as to whether or not the metal cover inside each drawer of the Hillside unit - which must be unlatched and moved back each time the drawer is opened - is authorized in Federal Specification AA-F-358c. There is no mention of the cover in this specification but the General Services Administration contends that this does not matter - even though the metal cover has moving parts.

b. A determination be made as to whether or not a cyclic test of the metal cover can be made. This cyclic test would include releasing the latch on the cover, pushing the cover back into the cabinet, and closing the drawer so that the latch will catch again. Since the drawer suspensions have a cyclic test requirement of 50,000 cycles, perhaps the metal cover which must be pushed back each time the drawer is opened should also have such a test. If it is possible to conduct such a test, and this can be accomplished within the next 30-60 days, such a test should be conducted.

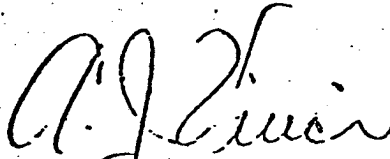
4. In order that you may have the full background in this matter, inclosed is previous correspondence between the Assistant Secretary of the Army (I&L) and the Acting Assistant Commissioner for procurement, CSA.

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SUBJECT: Class 6 Security Cabinets

5. We would appreciate a report on your inspection, evaluation and tests, as soon as possible. Your contact in this office is Mr. S. K. Lieber, Extension 70811.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:



A. J. VINCI
Colonel, AGC
Director of Administrative Services

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS

Mr. Lewis E. Spangler
Acting Commissioner
Federal Supply Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20406

Dear Mr. Spangler:

The Class VI security File container manufactured by Hillside Metal Products Company continues to be a matter of concern to the Department of Defense. Since receipt of the 4 June 1969 letter from your Acting Assistant Commissioner for Procurement to the Department of the Army regarding this matter, reports of operational deficiencies on this container are still being received from Defense user elements.

To insure that these deficiencies were valid complaints, the Department of the Army conducted extensive laboratory tests of the Hillside Class VI security file container; the results are inclosed for your information. The tests, which were in accordance with procurement specifications, confirm the fact that this container has serious deficiencies. Only two companies are currently qualified by you to manufacture Class VI security containers--Hillside and the Mosler Safe Company. We are currently conducting similar tests of the Mosler container; however, to date we have not received any user complaints on the Mosler product.

Mr. Conrad, Chairman of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Security Equipment, has informed the Department of the Army that the Hillside Metal Products Company has submitted a modification to their Class VI security container which will terminate the use of the "sliding drawer hood". According to Mr. Conrad, the General Services Administration has approved this proposal. Prior to your acceptance of the new Hillside

Class VI model, request that one or two of these units be made available to Defense for test purposes. In view of the past experiences, however, we also request that the current Hillside "sliding drawer hood" model Class VI container, be removed from your "Qualified Products List" as soon as possible. Immediate action will stop additional numbers of this model from entering the supply system.

Since many of the Hillside "sliding drawer hood" model are in use by Defense activities, it is requested that you determine the availability and feasibility of a modification kit which could be made available to current Defense users. When applied, the kit should either eliminate the need of the "sliding drawer hood" or prevent its removal from the cabinet.

The U.S. Army has been engaged in the testing and evaluation of secure containers and locking devices for several years. Should your office have a need for use of these test facilities to assist your program, please let us know.

The Department of Defense is curtailing further procurement of all Class VI security containers from GSA until such time as the new Hillside model is found to be acceptable, and pending receipt of favorable test results of the Mosler Class VI container.

We appreciate your understanding of our concern in these matters.

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SUBJECT: Class 6 Security Cabinets

9 OCT 1969

U. S. Army Natick Laboratories, Natick, Mass. 01760

TO: The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGAR-S, Department of the Army,
Washington, D. C. 20315

1. In accordance with para 3 of basic letter tests were performed on a Hillside Metal Products Class 6 Security Cabinet (Model 6-69, Serial No. 16242) to establish compliance to specification AA-F-358e.

a. As specification AA-F-358e does not stipulate design criteria, the metal cover design is considered acceptable.

b. The 50,000 cycle test of the drawer and the metal cover was performed simultaneously as specified in paragraph 4.4.4.2 Service Tests. At the 10,000 cycle point the drawer operating force test was conducted and found to be fourteen (14) pounds (specification requirement ten (10) pounds). The cycling test was terminated at this point as per requirements of this paragraph.

c. A drawer was loaded with 80 pounds of paper in accordance with paragraph 4.4.4.1 Rack Test and during the cycling the front edge of the drawer sagged 1/32 inch, causing the drawer to bind each time the drawer was closed.

d. The cabinet was thoroughly inspected to ascertain its compliance to paragraph 3.10 Workmanship and the following deficiencies which would create a safety hazard to operating personnel were noted:

- (1) Sharp edges on the drawer and cabinet structure.
- (2) Sharp edges on weldments.
- (3) The metal cover latch abraded the latch hole and developed jagged metal burrs.

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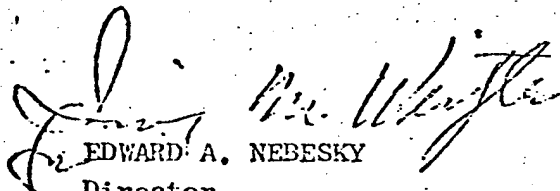
SUBJECT: Class 6 Security Cabinets

e. During the cycling test of the drawer and metal cover it was noted that the metal cover was in a partially open condition when the drawer began its opening cycle prior to the depressing of the latch. This occurred five (5) times during the first 100 cycles. It is not known to what degree a defect of this nature may affect the security test requirements as specified in paragraph 4.4.4.7.1 and 4.4.4.7.2 Surreptitious and Forced Entry.

2. Due to the failure of this cabinet to meet the requirements of specification AA-F-358e it is concluded that this cabinet is considered an inferior item and not capable of performing its intended mission.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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EDWARD A. NEBESKY

Director

General Equipment & Packaging Laboratory

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Federal Supply Service
Washington, D.C. 20405

MAR 9 - 1970

Mr. Paul H. Riley
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (I&I)
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Riley:

This is in reply to your letter of February 2, and confirms the results of the meeting which Mr. Ritter held with you on March 3, regarding security cabinets.

Since Mr. Abersfeller wrote to you on June 4, 1969, we have taken special precautions to insure that security containers produced by Hillside Metal Products Company are satisfactory for agency use, both from the standpoint of the protection of classified data as well as design and workmanship. Since that time, we have received reports of deficiencies on lots of cabinets totaling 55 out of over 2,800 shipped by that company. In cases where deficiencies have been reported, corrective action has been taken.

Because of the dissatisfaction of some agencies, particularly the military services, Hillside Metal Products Company has redesigned their cabinet to remove the sliding hood which was installed to offer protection against the surreptitious removal of documents from the front of the cabinet. While this device provides, in our opinion, a very effective means of protection, it will be eliminated in a redesigned cabinet which will be available as soon as the supply of the current model cabinets has been exhausted. Approximately 250 of these current model cabinets are in the inventory of Hillside Metal Products Company at this time. It is understood that you will withdraw your objections to the requisitioning of these cabinets by the Department of Defense activities, until the stock is exhausted, upon our assurance that each one will be given a full and detailed inspection prior to release for shipment. As soon as the current stock has been exhausted, the newly designed cabinet will be available.

We invite representatives of the Department of Defense to participate in the testing of the cabinet at our laboratory in Franconia, Virginia, for all operating characteristics and the examination for workmanship. Further, we invite your

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representatives to participate in the inspection of production model cabinets prior to acceptance in order that we may develop a common approach to acceptance inspection.

We have requested the manufacturer to examine the possibility of developing a kit which could be used in the field, to prevent the removal of the sliding hood. We are also examining means of accomplishing this in our own laboratory. We expect to learn in the very near future if this is possible and will advise you accordingly.

We appreciate your assistance in moving the existing stock of cabinets, and give you the assurance that they will be satisfactory to your agencies with the possible exception of the sliding hood.

Sincerely,



L. E. SPANGLER
Acting Commissioner



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS

18 MAR 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR The Assistant Secretary of the Army (I&L)

SUBJECT: Class VI Security Cabinets

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of a letter dated March 9, 1970 from the Federal Supply Service (FSS) of the General Services Administration concerning the Class VI security cabinets produced by the Hillside Metal Products Company. This letter is in response to our letter dated February 2, copy of which was furnished you.

In view of the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary of the Army by DoD Directive 3224.3 dated June 3, 1964, "Physical Security Equipment; Assignment of Responsibility for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation," it is requested that you consider the FSS proposals and, if determined practicable, make the necessary arrangements with the FSS for accomplishing the proposed inspections.

Receipt of a report of your findings and a recommended course of action for the Department of Defense in this matter within 30 days would be appreciated.

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As Stated

PAUL H. RILEY
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Supply, Maintenance & Services)

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20 November, 1969

STAT MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF,

STAT FROM : SAFE TECHNICIAN,

SUBJECT : CLASS V (HILLSIDE) CABINETS

STAT Based on a recent examination of cabinets Stock number 7110-082-6112, manufactured by Hillside Products, Newark, New Jersey and furnished on Order #70-W21022-WC1F, the following deficiencies were noted on 3 out of 5 of these units delivered to

1. Welds on inside of case at juncture of right side panel and top panel; the fillets measurements vary in depth from 1/4" to 1/2". Of the total weld length of 26" the weld fill metal is well joined to the side panel along it's full length of the weld (26"), but the weld fill metal fails to adhere positively for 15" of it's juncture with the top panel.

2. Welds on the inside of the case at juncture of rear panel and top panel; Fillet is irregular and varies in depth as in #1 above. Of the total weld length of approximately 19 1/2" the weld fill metal is well joined to the rear panel along it's full length of the weld (19 1/2"), but the weld fill metal fails to adhere positively for 8 1/2" of it's juncture with the top panel.

3. Weld build up and slag deposits are in excess. All along the inside weld portions where the sides and/or the top are joined excessive weld build-up indicates a non-positive weld joint.

4. SUSPENSION TRACKS: The "U" shaped metal tracks welded into each side of the interior of the cabinet is of a light gauge metal, inadequate to withstand the wear which is ultimately certain to result from field use.

5. SUSPENSIONS: The roller wheels of the suspensions are inadequately lubricated as received and are not possessed of sufficient strength to withstand the wear to be expected from field use.

GENERAL: HEIGHT---It was noted that the height of the 4 drawer Hillside unit is 46 1/2". The construction used would require 57 1/4" over-all height for a 5 drawer unit. The Federal Specifications do not permit this much height, therefore this Hillside Manufacturer cannot furnish 5 drawer cabinets should we require them. This also would mean having more than one make of cabinet (instead of standardizing), with the requirements for spare parts to be increased accordingly.

LABEL: It was noted that the protection label designated 20 man minutes against surreptitious entry protection. The Federal Specifications requires 30 man minutes against surreptitious entry.

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HARDPLATE: In front of combination lock consists of 2 pieces each $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. It appears extremely doubtful that this would furnish sufficient protection to withstand a 10 minute forced entry test.

QUALITY CONTROL: It was noted that in dis-assembling the lock the spline keys were able to be pulled out by hand, which would definitely throw the lock combination out of calibration after the lock was used a few times. Also the hardplates and the lock mounting plate (four screws which hold the lock rigid) just float freely inside the drawer head. The rigidity can only be accomplished when the drive cam is screwed onto the spindle and the spline key inserted and tightened, thus preventing the lock mounting plate from shifting. It is highly improbable that these plates will not shift during shipment thus causing a bind and also where the threaded spindle goes through the plates, there will be a tendency for this spindle to bind on the free floating hardplates. It was also noted that all four lock case screws were loose at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ a turn and on some a full turn.

CONCLUSIONS: The under-signed does not believe that the cabinets manufactured by Hillside (class V), could pass the test for Forced Entry prescribed in the Federal Specifications, either from the standpoint of hardplate protection around the combination lock or from a chisel and sledge attack along the welds where the top panel is fastened to the case. Neither could this suspension and tracks withstand the 50,000 cycle test as prescribed in Federal Specifications AAF-358-E and changes. There definitely appears to be sufficient doubt as to the ability of this Hillside Class V cabinet to pass the required tests and as far as the undersigned is concerned I personally recommend that they not be considered acceptable for our Agency use.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That further procurement of the Hillside Class V cabinets be suspended pending a re-test by some testing agency or by our own agency.
2. That appropriate tests be conducted and compiled on one or more of STAT cabinets now on hand at
3. That all Hillside Class V cabinets now in stock either here at not be issued for overseas use.

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TECHNICAL INSPECTOR
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testing on

12 December, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF, [REDACTED]

FROM : SAFE TECHNICIAN, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : VISIT TO BUREAU OF STANDARDS TO VIEW A TESTED HILLSIDE CLASS V CABINET

On the 11th of December 1969 I accompanied Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] from the Physical Sec. Division to inspect a Class V Hillside cabinet which turned out to be the one that was submitted for testing for acceptance, by Hillside metal products of Newark, N.J. The unit was apparently tested by a Mr. Williard (now deceased). Upon close examination of this cabinet, which was a 5 drawer Class V, it was found that the type of drawer suspensions used in this test model were not the same as those drawer suspensions which came equipped on the Class V Hillside Cabinets which were delivered to our [REDACTED] of which 5 were trans-shipped here to [REDACTED]. We were also invited to look at a Hillside Class 6 cabinet while we were there and after close examination of this Class 6 cabinet it was quite apparent that the suspensions delivered with our Class V's from Hillside were identical to the suspensions on the Class 6 Hillside. ~~workshop~~

It was the consensus of Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and myself that we should ask GSA to run a cycle test on one of our cabinets here at [REDACTED] to see whether or not the suspensions we had delivered with our Hillside Class V's will hold up. Mr. Bland and Mr. Harold of GSA agreed to run this test and it was at this point that we terminated our visit and returned to our respective buildings.

Since it is not possible for me to preclude whether or not the difference in the type of suspension between the Class V submitted for test and those delivered to us was intentional or accidental it casts a shadow of doubt in my mind as to whether or not the cabinet originally delivered to Mr. Williard at the Bureau of Standards is of the same specifications as the Class V cabinet delivered to our Agency.

According to Mr. [REDACTED] of our Physical Security Division it is practically impossible to procure any written reports on the results of the testing by Mr. Williard of the Bureau on the Hillside Class V cabinet. It is only SOP that whenever a cabinet submitted for test fails and the manufacturer insists on a written report is it customary to produce such a report of the results.

RECOMMENDATION: That we request GSA to run the cycle test and possibly a re-testing of the Class V Hillside Cabinet as a whole.

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PROGRAM		TRANSACTION			COMMODITY AREA	
S-Stores NS-Nonstores FSS-Federal Supply Schedules		A-Origin B-Destination C-CA Verification D-Complaint E-Bid Sample F-Interwarehouse Transfer G-Warehouse Surveillance			1-Paints, Coatings, Adhesives 2-Chemical 3-Physical 4-Paper 5-Textile	
3. FEDERAL STOCK NO.			4. SPECIFICATION NO. AA-N-958c			
5. MATERIAL Security File Cabinet			6. MANUFACTURER (Name) Hillside Metal Products, Inc.			
7. CONTRACT/INVITATION NO.			8. PURCHASE ORDER NO.		9. DATE SAMPLED	
10. LOT/BATCH NO.	11. LOT SIZE	12. SAMPLE SIZE	13. VALUE OF LOT \$	14. PROGRAM CODE	15. TRANSACTION CODE	
16. SUBMITTED BY Mr. J. P. Lawless, C. O.			17. REGION FOR USE OF QUALITY CONTROL DEPOT PERSONNEL			
21. REMARKS (For use of QCR/QCI)			18. DATE OF DELIVERY	19. QCR NOTIFIED	20. DISCOUNT TERMS	

22. TEST REQUIREMENTS	23. TEST RESULTS
Second Draw (Combination Lock Draw)	
Par. 4.4.4.2 Service Test DOES NOT CONFORM	Handle pulled off and replaced 3074 cycles. Handle about to pull off again 4270 cycles.
Par. 4.4.4.3 Draw pull test - 10 lbs. Max. DOES NOT CONFORM	Initial Pull - 11 lbs. - 102. DOES NOT CONFORM At 3074 Cycles - 17 lbs - 6.25 oz. DOES NOT CONFORM At 4270 Cycles - Over 22 lbs. 2.27 oz.
Third Draw	
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Par. 4.4.4.3 Draw pull test - 10 lbs. Max. DOES NOT CONFORM	Initial Pull - 9 lbs. 2 oz. At 3402 Cycles - 10 lbs. 3.5 oz. DOES NOT CONFORM At 4270 Cycles - 10 lbs. 4oz.

FOR LABORATORY USE					
24. REGION NO.	25. COMMODITY AREA CODE	26. DATE RECEIVED 1/22/70	27. DATE ASSIGNED 1/22/70	28. ASSIGNED TO Paul W. Scott	
29. LABORATORY DECISION (Check)			30. DISPOSITION OF REMINDER		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIES b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT COMPLY c. <input type="checkbox"/> NO TEST MADE d. <input type="checkbox"/> ANALYSIS ONLY			3. <input type="checkbox"/> HELD 4. <input type="checkbox"/> DESTROYED c. <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED TO STOCK d. <input type="checkbox"/> SALVAGE		
If c or d, explain.			31. AMOUNT CONSUMED		32. COST OF RETEST \$
33. ANALYST (Signature) /s/ Paul W. Scott		DATE 1/22/70	34. CHIEF, RST BRANCH (Signature) (Signed) Paul W. Scott		DATE 1/22/70

1 July 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inspection of Hillside Class V Cabinets [redacted]
22 thru 28 June 1970

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A total of 55 cabinets were inspected.

Purpose of Inspection: To determine the condition and availability of the 55 cabinets which were sent to [redacted] by Hillside Metal Products, namely Class V security cabinets.

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Persons contacted: Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Joe Lawless, QCR, GSA
Mr. Baines, [redacted] GSA

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Upon my arrival at the GSA Depot [redacted] on 22 June, where the cabinets had been sent from [redacted] I contacted Mr. Lawless from the Washington office of GSA Quality Control. It was ascertained that Mr. Lawless had been experiencing difficulty with various stages of his quality control inspection and that the Hillside mechanics who had been there two weeks prior to 22 June were in the process of adjusting and repairing numerous discrepancies in the cabinets. The following remarks are some of the typical discrepancies that occurred, and in a forthcoming report by Mr. Lawless, which will be more detailed, a more complete and concise account of these discrepancies will be given.

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Drawer pulls: Many drawer pulls were loose and bent, even before I had started my inspection. These were supposed to have been corrected the week previous to my arrival.

Drawers: 60% of the drawers would not pass the 10 lb. pull test on the mechanical force gauge. This also was supposed to have been checked and corrected prior to my arrival.

Dial spindles: 85% of the dial threaded spindles were too short, showing only about 2 or 3 threads caught or made up into the drive cam. This negated a good bind when the spline key was driven in.

Drawer facings: Many of the drawer facings which house the drawer pulls and thumb latches were tack welded at the bottom corners which made it necessary to chisel away the welds to get the drawer facing to come off for replacement of either the latch or the pull. Incidentally, this would be a tedious job in the field without specialized equipment.

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Hillside Class V Cabinets

Pull back springs: The pull back springs on all of the control drawer bolts were mounted in the wrong position, most were corrected by Mr. Lawless and myself.

Thumb latches: About 40% of the thumb latches presented a problem in that they would not hold or had a definite bind when an attempt to release them was made.

Warped drawer heads: About 8 or 10 drawer heads were warped and had to be corrected by the Hillside mechanics.

Locking bars (left and right sides): About 50% of the locking bar pivot (bottom) positions in the cabinet were lacking proper lubrication and contained weld slag.

Weld build up: Weld build up on the bottom of the front welded plates of some of the bottom drawers was so great that it caused the suspensions to be forced upward as the drawer came to a full open position.

Suspensions: Actually this was the only part of the discrepancies that was corrected prior to my arrival. All of the old light rollers were ground out of the suspensions and new ballbearing type were reinstalled. The major portion of the Hillside mechanic's time was taken up with this operation.

On 23 June, new dials and spindles were ordered from Sargent and Greenleaf, and they were flown in on 24 June. These new spindles were found to be 1/4" too long. The Hillside mechanics worked after hours in their motel room so that they could cut off these spindles to the desired length ready to start on the job on the morning of 25 June. It was hoped that with the two mechanics from Hillside and myself also helping, we could get a large part of the new spindles installed, but as it turned out only one Hillside mechanic could work on the spindle project due to the fact that all of the other problems in the cabinets still were not corrected. These were the problems pointed out by Mr. Lawless. Permission was requested through Mr. Baines, GSA Region 9, to enable the mechanics to work Saturday, 27 June, as it was quite apparent that we were not going to be able to wrap up the job on 26 June as planned. On Saturday, 27 June, at approximately 3:30 P.M., all the spindles were reinstalled and all the other discrepancies were corrected, and all activities were terminated at this point.

SUBJECT: Inspection of Hillside Class V Cabinets

Recommendation: It is recommended that due to all the noted discrepancies and the problems involved in trying to exchange drawer heads or drawers in the field, and because of the initial poor workmanship and plant quality control, these 60 Hillside Class V cabinets [redacted] not be sent overseas. It at all possible, request should be made to GSA to return the cabinets for credit. Also, that any future procurement of Class V Hillside cabinets not be undertaken until it is ascertained by GSA and the Agency representative that future cabinets prove satisfactory for our needs.

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Mr. Lawless, GSA Quality Control, was not present for final check of the cabinets on 27 June as he was recalled for a meeting in Washington on 26 June 1970.

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[redacted]

Technical Inspector

STAT This office wholeheartedly concurs with the recommendation of [redacted] Further, as technical office for approving issuance of safekeeping equipment for overseas use, this office will not approve the issue of Hillside Class 5 safes overseas, as there is no capability to repair or service them.

(Acting Chief
Physical Security Technology Branch

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

ATTENTION : Chief, Supply Division

SUBJECT : Procurement and Issuance of Security
Containers

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Director of Logistics
from Director of Security dated 19 May 1959,
subject: Procurement and Issuance of
Security Containers

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to state the current Office of Security policy concerning the procurement of security containers, as last set forth in the referenced memorandum. All of the security containers approved for procurement are on the Federal Supply Schedule. You may note, however, that there are other containers on the Federal Supply Schedule of the same class and configuration which this office does not approve for procurement. This disapproval is based on a past record of poor quality control, poor or nonexistent service departments, an inadequate supply of spare parts and difficulty of maintenance outside of the immediate Headquarters area.

Security Containers Approved for Procurement:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Configuration</u>
Diebold	5	2, 4 and 5 drawer
Mosler	5	Maps and Plans
Mosler	6*	2, 4 and 5 drawer
Mosler	6*	Maps and Plans
Diebold	2	2 and 4 drawer

*Sargent and Greenleaf T-8400 series combination lock preferred-
Mosler MR-302 combination lock acceptable.

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2. The issuance of security containers both overseas and domestically remains the same as set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the referenced memorandum. As new classes of containers become available on the Federal Supply Schedule, this Office will evaluate their suitability for Agency use and update this memorandum accordingly.

Howard J. Osborn
Director of Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commissioner, Federal Supply
Service
General Services Administration

SUBJECT : Agency Position Concerning Single
Versus Multiple Award for Security
Containers

1. At a 24 October 1973 meeting of the Inter-agency Committee on Security Equipment, this Agency took a position favoring multiple award for procurement of security containers. On 1 April 1974, this Agency received a request from the Committee chairman for a written confirmation of this position. Such is being provided herein.

2. Our experience has shown that the multiple award procedure encourages manufacturer competition and induces product versatility and higher quality. As a consequence it increases customer flexibility in the use of containers.

3. A program involving a single procurement award would eliminate this flexibility. Inasmuch as there is no commercial market for the higher priced government approved security containers, a number of current manufacturers have indicated that, in the absence of a government contract, it would not be economically feasible for them to continue to produce the containers and related parts.

4. It is our considered judgment that multiple award procurement is necessary for the continued effective operation of the security equipment programs of this Agency and the other member agencies of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Security Equipment. Accordingly, we strongly endorse the unanimous recommendation, by the Committee members on 24 October 1973, that the multiple award contract for approved security containers be continued.



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Charles W. Xano
Director of Security

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Memorandum For: Chief, Logistics Services Branch, OL

Through : Chief, Security Equipment Branch, TSD/OS

Subject : Availability of Mosler Class-6 Security Files

1. As of 1 July 1975, Mosler Class 6 Security Files will no longer be available under Federal Schedule. A low bid contract for fiscal year 1976 was awarded to Hillside. Mosler anticipates an 11 to 14 percent increase of price starting 1 July 1975, which suggests that any known requirements for Mosler Class 6 files be submitted prior to the end of Fiscal Year '75. A factor for consideration in this respect is that transportation by the car load (47 files) is \$14.00 per file as opposed to \$41.00 per file when procured in smaller quantities.

2. As Fiscal Year 1976 is concerned, any request for Class 6 security files must be directed to Hillside unless there can be provided an appropriate sole source justification. Hillside security file cabinets have proved unsatisfactory in the past on the basis of inspection accomplished with the participation of General Services Administration--primarily a matter of inadequate quality control. Whether a limited purchase of Hillside products for test purposes should be initiated in an effort to ascertain if the units will meet Organization requirements is a matter which we feel should be deferred to the addressees. Timely response to this request for guidance will be appreciated.

Chief, Supply Division, OL

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16 January 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Supply Division
Office of Logistics

SUBJECT : Procurement of Security Containers

1. Historically, the Office of Security has tested and evaluated the various security containers on the Federal Supply Schedule to determine those most suitable for Agency use and has advised the Office of Logistics of the specific containers approved for procurement. In the past, the recommended containers have been procured by direct negotiation with the manufacturer rather than procured through GSA. This approach has resulted in the Agency receiving the specific container desired and not a similar, but less desirable, unit that GSA may substitute. Because the Agency has been dealing with the two main safe manufacturers, Mosler and Diebold, since security containers first were placed on Federal Supply Schedule, an excellent rapport has been developed with these companies, resulting in excellent service and, on many occasions, preferential treatment.

2. As you are aware, Diebold, Inc. makes the Class 5F security container which is the unit approved for overseas use. By negotiating directly with Diebold, the Agency has received its containers in a timely manner at the same price as if procured through GSA and, more important, has been able to have either [redacted] or Mr. [redacted] of the Office of Logistics personally inspect each container at the assembly line, prior to shipment to the Agency. This latter procedure has had a major impact in assuring that containers reach the field in proper working order. The cost and time-consuming effort involved in repairing safekeeping equipment in the field can be extreme, and the efforts of these two gentlemen in assuring that every container shipped to the field is in completely satisfactory condition has been a most rewarding action.

3. The recent change of procuring the Diebold Class 5 security container through GSA, relying only on their inspection, will not prove as satisfactory as direct negotiation. This

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office is familiar with the current GSA inspection program, and it is our firm opinion that it is not as effective as the inspections made by Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted]. Even STAT the manufacturer has indicated that, although our individual inspection at times has been frustrating to the Company, the lack of complaints and problems after the containers have been shipped and placed in service has far overshadowed any initial inconvenience. Further, since this Agency is a prime consumer of the Class 5 container, they encourage the continued direct procurement and individual inspection.

4. In light of the limited manpower of this office to service and maintain security equipment on a worldwide basis, any effort that can be made to assure proper operation of a container prior to its reaching the field greatly reduces our workload and allows us to provide emergency TDY assistance where required. Therefore, it is requested that procurement of security containers by this Agency continue to be by direct negotiation with the manufacturer and include the excellent pre-delivery inspections as made by Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted]. STAT It is firmly believed that the rewards of this procedure justify the effort.

Deputy Director of Security (PTOS)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Supply Division, OL

SUBJECT : Four-Drawer Filing Cabinets w/Combination Locks

REFERENCES : (a) Memo dtd 8 Jan 76 for C/PhySD/OS from AC/SD/OL, same subject

(b) Memo dtd 16 Jan 76 for C/SD/OL from DD/PTOS, subject: Procurement of Security Containers

(c) Memo dtd 23 Apr 74 for D/OL from D/OS, subject: Procurement of Security Containers

(d) Memo dtd 1 Jul 71 for D/OL from D/OS, subject: Procurement and Issuance of Security Containers

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1. Consonant with past memoranda concerning procurement and issuance of security containers (references b, c, and d) and to furnish guidance requested in reference a, it is requested that you obtain Mosler Class 6 containers, Stock No. 7110-00-920-9320 through the Federal Supply Schedule in the quantity required. This will serve as a mechanism to fulfil the desired goal of eliminating the use of Remington Rand file cabinets outside of designated secure areas at the [redacted] Building.

2. Future orders of Class 6 four-drawer containers, both for use at the [redacted] Building and for stock replenishment, should also be the Mosler filing cabinet, capacity (legal) size, 4-drawer uninsulated, with combination lock, Class 6 (hand change Mosler lock), Stock No. 7110-00-920-9320, also obtainable through the Federal Supply Schedule.

3. With regard to the disposition of on-hand stock of the above items, it is requested that you retain the

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seven Mosler Class 6 containers, 7110-00-920-9343, in depot stock to satisfy emergency issue requirements.

4. The 29 Hillside Class 5E filing cabinets, Stock No. 7110-00-1102-654, currently on hand, may be issued when requisitioned for use in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area only. The cabinets should not be issued for use overseas or in Metropolitan areas where floor loading is a problem.

J. A. Chief, Physical Security Division
Office of Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (PTOS)
SUBJECT : Procurement of Security Containers
REFERENCE : Memo dtd 16 Jan 76 fm DD/PTOS for C/SD/OL;
same subj.

1. We appreciate your concern about a change in policy for procurement of security containers through the General Services Administration (GSA) instead of direct negotiation with the manufacturer. Consequently, the procurement of security containers was discussed with Mr. [redacted] of your staff and representatives from the Office of Logistics at a meeting held on 13 January 1976.

2. Based on the above discussions, it was agreed that, although procurement will be made through GSA, inspection of all containers at the vendor's plant will continue to be made by Agency representatives, Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted]

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3. Currently, Mosler Class 6 containers with the Mosler hand change lock and Diebold Class 5 containers are on the Federal Supply Schedule through GSA. If there is any change in the future concerning the containers available through GSA, your staff will be advised promptly before procurement is initiated.

/s/

Director of Logistics

COORDINATION:

/s/

Chief, Procurement Division, OL

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DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

13 May 1976

SUPPLY DIVISION ITEM OF INTEREST

A stock replenishment requisition for 32 Class ~~SE~~^{5C} five four-drawer filing cabinets (safes) with 3-way combination locks was placed with General Services Administration (GSA) several weeks ago. Since the Mosler Class ~~SE~~⁶, with hand change lock, was on Federal Supply Schedule, the Mosler Model was specified for procurement.

We have now been advised that GSA did not place an order for the Mosler safes but elected to request bids on the 32 safes. GSA advises that Art Metal Products submitted the low bid. Art Metal Products recently acquired the assets of Hillside Products, the previous safe manufacturer.

We have had two "Hillside" safes on order since August 1975 for the purpose of test and evaluation. Several delays have been encountered in trying to obtain delivery. GSA recently advised us that a stop order had been placed on these two safes ostensibly because of the merger between Art Metal Products and Hillside. However, the matter is being pursued further. (WE HAVE SINCE BEEN ADVISED TWO WEEKS DELIVERY FROM 13 MAY 76) JAP

In the interim we are requesting GSA to withhold procurement of the 32 safes mentioned above since we have had problems with Hillside safes in the past and because of the uncertainty of delivery on 2 safes from Hillside since last August. Further

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APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY [redacted] REQUIRES GSA TO SOLICIT BIDS) Approved For Release 2007/03/28 : CIA-RDP81M00980R001700020015-6 (MAXIMUM ORDER LIMITATION)

we do not wish to place an order for 32 safes prior to conducting a comprehensive test and evaluation on the latest models manufactured by Hillside.

Simultaneously with our stock replenishment requisition for 32 cabinets, we forwarded an order for 80 of the same *Class 6* ~~cabinets~~ for Logisitcs Service Division's requirements for the Headquarters Building. Art Metal was also low bidder on this solicitation.

Reference is made to attachment 19 and the statement following the name, [redacted]. The statement includes a reference to an additional order for 80 safes.

Examination of existing stock record cards disclosed that the orders for 32 and 80 safes (actually 85 as reflected on the cards) were cancelled.

It is the recollection of the undersigned that when advised that GSA had let both orders to Hillside, I directed [redacted] to cancel both orders and attempt to work out some arrangement with GSA which would assure us that other than Hillside safes would be acquired for our use.

Chief, Supply Division, OL

DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

3 September 1976

SUPPLY DIVISION ITEM OF INTEREST

The two safes which were ordered from Art Metal (Hillside) Inc. for evaluation in July 1975 were received on August 30, 1976. An initial inspection by [redacted] and [redacted] indicates that both units do not meet specification standards. The units are apparently as bad as those which were procured from the same company in 1968 (which are still in stock). STAT

A written report listing the discrepancies will be forwarded to S&B by [redacted] It must eventually be decided whether to accept the loss on the cost of these units or attempt to have the vendor rectify the discrepancies. STAT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Chief, Supply Division, OL
ATTN : Chief, Supply Management Branch, SD/OL
FROM : Deputy Chief, [redacted]

DATE: 13 September 1976

SUBJECT: Inspection of Hillside Class #6 Security Cabinet at [redacted] STA

1. In response to a request made by the leader of Team "C", Mr. [redacted] safe technician [redacted] performed an initial inspection of four each, Hillside Class #6 Security Cabinets. This was done because of the past poor performance of Hillside Cabinets and the Office of Security's reluctance to accept them for issue.

2. Mr. [redacted]'s report and associated photographs are attached.

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Inspection on Hillside Class #6 Security Cabinet (At Safe Shop STA

Combination Lock:

1. Lock mounting plate loose which causes the lock to shift.
2. Hard plates in front of lock case are loose and could cause hard plates to cut into the outer spindle and it could cause it to break in half.

Drawer Stops

Draw stop on the side of the draw which is called the drawer body slide are set too high and would cause a safety problem and should be considered a safety hazard.

Bolts and Handle

Bolt cam will clear the bolt lock when the arber is removed from the cam without retracting the lock bolt.

Drawer Suspension

Drawer suspensions are not sturdy enough to carry the weight load as the weight is down and would cause the suspension to buckle and bind on the drawer.

Safe Technician

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Physical Security Division, OS
FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief, Supply Division, OL
SUBJECT : Hillside Filing Cabinets (Safes) Received
for Test and Evaluation
REFERENCE : Memo dtd 16 Jan 76 for C/SD/OL fm DD/S (PTOS)
subj: Procurement of Security Containers

1. With the concurrence of your division in July 1975, we ordered two Art Metal Products (Hillside) safes for test and evaluation. After several delays, these safes were delivered [REDACTED] and were inspected by our safe technicians, Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following STA discrepancies were found:

a. Four-way combination lock - the lock mounting plate was loose. This condition causes the lock to shift. The hard plates in front of the lock case are loose and could cause hard plates to cut into the outer spindle and cause it to break in half.

b. Drawer stops - the drawer stop on the side of the drawer (which is called the drawer body slide) is set too high. This situation causes a safety problem and is considered a hazard.

c. Bolts and handle - the bolt cam will clear the bolt lock when the arbor is removed from the cam without retracting the lock bolt.

d. Drawer suspension - the drawer suspensions are not sturdy enough to carry the weight load as the weight is down and could cause the suspension to buckle and bind on the drawer.

2. Since the Office of Security has historically tested and evaluated security containers per reference, it is requested that your staff conduct a further evaluation of the two containers mentioned above. Arrangements can be made to deliver the safes [REDACTED] to a site which you STA designate.

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SUBJECT: Hillside Filing Cabinets (Safes) Received for
Test and Evaluation

3. Since these safes are on the Federal Supply Schedule, we would appreciate a written report of your evaluation. We will arrange to forward the evaluation report to the General Services Administration.

4. For additional information concerning delivery of the two safes to your personnel, please contact Mr.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Supply Division; OL
THROUGH : Chief, Physical Security Division, OS
FROM : Chief, Technical Security Division, OS
SUBJECT : Class 6 Security Containers Manufactured
by Art Metal Products (Hillside)
REFERENCE : Memo dated 1 Dec 76 for C/PhySD from C/SD
subject: Hillside Filing Cabinets(Safes)
received for Test and Evaluation

1. This office has reviewed the referenced correspondence and questions at this time whether additional testing of subject containers is warranted. It would appear that the deficiencies noted by Messrs. [redacted] who are, in the opinion of this office, quite qualified to perform inspections of this equipment, provide sufficient cause for rejection of said containers. STA

2. It is recognized that since the Class 6 security container manufactured by Art Metal Products (Hillside) is currently listed on Federal Schedule, a potential problem exists with regard to re-supply of this category of container. It is noted, however, that the Mosler Safe Company is also listed on Federal Schedule as a supplier of the Class 6 container. The difference between the containers provided by these vendors is found in the style of Group 1 combination lock: hand-change for Mosler and key-change for Art Metal Products. As the product manufactured by the Mosler Safe Company is of known reliability and quality, this office would accept the Mosler Class 6 container with hand-change Group 1 combination lock, rather than the preferred key-change lock on a cabinet which has a number of cited weaknesses.

3. As concerns correspondence with the General Services Administration, this office prefers that the Office of Logistics communicate directly to appropriate GSA elements the deficiencies noted by your Staff. Should this approach prove

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unsatisfactory, please notify the undersigned and an attempt will be made through the Interagency Advisory Committee on Security Equipment to pursue this matter.

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Washington, D. C. 20505

Telephone: [Redacted]

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TO: Mr. Peter F. Roman
Subcommittee on Federal Spending
Practices and Open Government
Committee on Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
44 Capitol Hill Apartments
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Pete:

Enclosed are 23 unclassified documents concerning CIA's purchase of Hillside safes through GSA. We would be appreciative if you notified us before you make any public use of the information concerning this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

[Redacted Signature]
Deputy Legislative Counsel

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT:
 Note to Peter F. Roman, Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices and Open Government, transmitting 23 unclassified documents re CIA's purchase of Hillside safes through GSA

NOTES
 Don Massey + Pete Palmer have been notified.

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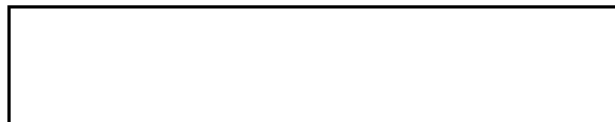
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17. (Confidential - MMP) LIAISON Diane LaVoy, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, called requesting NID coverage on Nicaragua between 13 and 22 September as well as a recently produced Interagency Intelligence Memorandum on Nicaragua.

18. (Unclassified - ME) LIAISON/FOIA Upon receipt of a note from Heather Bernabo, in the office of Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.), as to why we had not responded to a previous inquiry relating to a constituent, I called and informed her that I had spoken with her predecessor on 10 August 1977 and that I had asked that the subject inquiry be sent to my attention for processing, hence no response was necessary. Evidentially the file had not been properly noted to reflect my request. She said she also needed no written response to her current letter, but asked to be informed of the completion date of the subject appeal under the Privacy Act.

19. (Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Spoke with Jay Morgan, in the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), in response to his earlier request about disposition of Agency staff cars. When the Agency is finished with staff cars they are turned in to GSA. Morgan was familiar with the process once cars have been turned in to GSA and he needed no more information from us.



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