

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

SECOM-D-517

9 May 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]  
Deputy Director of Security, P&M

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FROM: [redacted]  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Zero Based Review of Access  
Approvals in Industry [redacted]

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1. There has been considerable concern recently raised by CIA's efforts to collect zero based data and revalidation material on non-CIA sponsored individuals in industry.

2. I reviewed all applicable papers and collected additional information which leads me to conclude that CIA's action [redacted] is questionable.

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3. It is recommended that you direct CIA to cease asking for any information about non-CIA sponsored product clearances at any and all contractor facilities.

4. This recommendation is based on the following information which is documented by referenced attachments.

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Tab A - On 9 May 1978, the DCI wrote to DIRNSA saying that he (DCI) is about to "start a zero based approach to clearances in all agencies and industrial contractors."

Tab B - On 11 October 1978, in his Notes from the Director of this date, the DCI mentions that it is his intention that zero based reviews become a long-range and structured aspect of our security program and that they be carried out not only in the Agency but throughout the Intelligence Community.

Tab C - On 15 November 1978, Chairman, Security Committee wrote to the Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee informing that the DCI has decided to expand a CIA trial zero based review throughout industry and the Executive Branch with a deadline for completion of 30 September 1979. The CIA's Special Security Center was noted as offering a service of common concern in collecting information to be transmitted to sponsoring agency for revalidation of their access approvals.

25X1      Tab D - On 15 December 1978, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] issued a memorandum for members of his Compartmentation Subcommittee. This memorandum restated the DCI Directive to each NFIB Department to conduct a zero based review of all SCI accesses held by its personnel and repeated the offer to use CIA's Special Security Center as a means of collecting data to be sent to sponsors.

25X1      Tab E - On 20 December 1978, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] received DCI approval to postpone a review of all SCI product access approvals but to continue with the zero based review of operational access approvals. The Director of Security concurred in this.

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25X1 Tab F - On 8 January 1979, Mr. Gambino informed [redacted] as Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee that the DCI had agreed to forego a review of the product approvals but that we would still proceed with the operational access approvals. This review of operational

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[redacted] The Subcommittee was reconvened, new parameters on the tasking were given and a new deadline of 1 May 1979 was established. 25X1

25X1 5. It is within CIA's purview to offer its services in collecting operational clearance information [redacted] to other NFIB agencies. But if the controlling department does not wish to avail themselves of this service, CIA cannot insist.

6. There is no reason for CIA to propose to collect information from non-CIA contractors about individuals holding product access approvals, i.e., SI and TK, since this part of the DCI's requirement has been postponed.

25X1 7. Of course CIA should continue to do a zero based review of its contractual holders of operational accesses, [redacted]

8. Speaking to the case at point, I note that NSA did complete a review of holders of operational accesses and submitted its report to the Compartmentation Subcommittee by the 1 May deadline. On the other hand, CIA did not and your assistance in completing that action would be appreciated.

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Attachments

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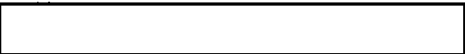

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters Security Branch  
Office of Security

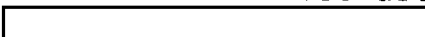
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FROM:   
  
Executive Secretary

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1. This memorandum is to inform you of a meeting of the Security Committee on Wednesday, 9 May 1979 from 0930 to 1230 to be held in room 7D32 Headquarters Building, CIA.

2. The following is a list of attendees. I certify that they all possess current and valid TS and necessary code word clearances. If there are any discrepancies, I may be reached on 

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3. It would be appreciated if NFIB badges could be issued to participants.

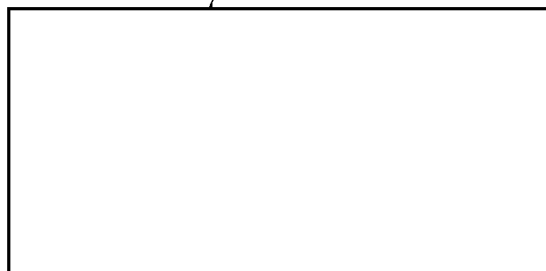


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