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Chairman, Compartmentation Subcommittee
DCI Security Committee

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SUBJECT: Impact of Executive Order 12065
on Community Security Policies

1. As noted at the 30 August 1978 Security Committee meeting, Executive Order 12065 and its implementing directive will have both actual and potential impact on Community security practices. Prompt consideration of what the Community should do to adapt to that impact is needed in view of the 1 December 1978 effective date of those documents.

2. I ask that you convene the Compartmentation Subcommittee to examine these two documents and recommend what specific matters need to be addressed for purposes of Community policy guidance. Candidate subjects that readily come to mind include:

a. Paragraph marking - The Order makes the classification marking of paragraphs mandatory. Should we ask for relief for Community to require paragraph marking of documents to show compartmented and/or DCID 1/7 controls?

b. Classification guides - The Order encourages the use of such guides in the interests of better and more uniform classification actions. In the case of documents that should remain classified for

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more than six years (which will almost surely be the case for SCI materials), the Order requires the reason justifying the extended classification to be stated either on the document or in a classification guide or agency implementer which may be simply referenced on the document. The administrative (and security) advantages of the latter approach are clear. What sort of classification guides should the Community have for these purposes, particularly for SCI? What Community guidance on their preparation is needed? What depth of detail should be provided to justify the extension of classification beyond six years?

c. Declassification guidelines - The Order requires the preparation of such guidelines covering 20-year old material, and specifies that information not identified in such guidelines as requiring declassification review shall be automatically declassified as it becomes 20 years old. It is apparent that SCI material must be covered by declassification guidelines. What guidance should be provided the Community for the preparation of such guidelines, particularly for SCI material?

d. Identity of classifiers - Should the classification authority for SCI material continue to be cited as, for example, "TK-1" or "BYE-1", or should some other citation be used (e.g., DCI, a classification guide)?

e. Foreign Government Information - The Order's implementing directive requires foreign government information (FGI) to be identified in such manner as to assure against inadvertent disclosure to a third country or premature declassification. What marking or other means should the Community use for such purpose?

f. Warning Notice marking - The Order's implementing directive deletes the qualifier "sensitive" from the warning notice marking for sources and methods information. What guidance should the Community be provided on when to use this marking and on how to handle information so marked?

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g. Document accountability - The Order and its implementer require certain accountability procedures for Top Secret documents. No exemption from these requirements is specified for SCI material. DCID 1/19 authorizes a much looser system of accountability. Since the national level directives will prevail over 1/19, what policy guidance should be provided the Community on accounting for Top Secret SCI documents?

h. Standards for security equipment - The Order's implementing directive authorizes the storage of Secret and Confidential material in bar lock cabinets. SCI rules forbid this. Should the standards for SCI storage equipment be revised so as to more closely conform to those in the directive?

i. Document transmittal - What new guidance, if any, should be provided the Community on the transmittal of intelligence documents (SCI and collateral) or information?

3. Some of the matters identified above may be sufficiently addressed in the scheduled or planned revisions of the TK and BYEMAN Manuals. Your recommendations on those or any other matters dealt with in the Executive Order and its implementing directive are solicited. They should focus on those areas where early guidance to the Community is required.

4. Please provide a report on the results of your review at the 27 September 1978 Security Committee meeting.

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