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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director

FROM

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Vice Admiral, USN  
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence  
Community

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SUBJECT : DCID No. 1/14, "Minimum Personnel  
Security Standards and Procedures  
Governing Eligibility for Access to  
Sensitive Compartmented Information"

1. For your use in the NFIB discussion of DCID 1/14, I propose the following:

(a) Ask [Redacted] Chairman of the Security Committee, to provide background briefing on revised DCID.

(b) He will also brief on the one issue before the Board.

Issue - Tab A - Periodic Reinvestigation

DIA and the military departments would like to drop the phrase providing for periodic reinvestigations, "...when deemed necessary by the Senior Intelligence Officer concerned." By way of background, the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) conducts personnel investigations for DoD, including NSA. The Director of NSA feels he should have the authority to request a reinvestigation of an NSA employee in less than five-year intervals even though no questionable information is involved. Due to recent substantive cutbacks in DIS staffing, DIA feels DIS can only respond to cases involving questionable or derogatory information. The other agencies in the community either have their own investigative capability (State, CIA, FBI) or rely on the FBI or the Civil Service Commission. NSA has problems with dropping this phrase. This appears to be an internal DoD problem only, but it could impact on your responsibility for the protection of sources and methods.

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(c) Next, I suggest that you call on NSA to present their position on retaining this phrase.

(d) Then ask for the DIA rationale for dropping the phrase.

(e) Call upon CIA and State for comments on their use of reinvestigations under these special circumstances.

2. Unless there is overwhelming support for the DIA position, I recommend that the SIO retain the prerogative of requesting reinvestigations when he deems it necessary.

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