

### ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Release of Polygraph-Derived Information

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FROM:

William R. Kotapish  
Director of Security  
4E-60, Hdqs.

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28 SEP 1982

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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The attached memorandum, prepared at the request of the Executive Director, clarifies for the DDCI the existing policies concerning the release of polygraph-derived information. The memorandum also requests the approval of the DDCI to continue these policies.

*[Signature]* William R. Kotapish

8-19: DDCI has no problem w/ passing of poly-derived info. He remains uneasy about the "life-style" etc. info & will continue to consider those cases carefully on a case by case basis.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Executive Director  
Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:   
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Release of Polygraph-Derived Information

REFERENCE: Memorandum from DCI Helms to D/Security, dated  
21 February 1970, subject: Polygraph Program

1. Action Requested: Your approval of the following policy concerning the release of polygraph-derived information.

2. Background: The referenced memorandum formalized policy for the use of the polygraph by the Agency and invested responsibility for polygraph activities exclusively with the Director of Security. It further prohibited the release of polygraph-derived information outside the Agency "unless the Director of Security makes a determination, concurred in by the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, that such action is in the interest of national security."

This 1970 statement was reaffirmed by Deputy Director Inman in July 1981 as he also endorsed Office of Security policy that refined and interpreted the original 1970 directive. The Office of Security position then and now emphasizes the indispensability of the polygraph to this Agency and the absolute necessity of avoiding any dissemination of information so derived which might serve to generate undeserved and potentially harmful attacks on the polygraph itself. The loss of the polygraph would, without question be extremely harmful to the national security.

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The current Office of Security policy specifies that, subject to DCI or DDCI approval on a case-by-case basis, the following guidelines are to be followed with respect to the dissemination of polygraph-derived information:

- ° We will provide to any Federal agency with which an individual holds an active clearance (at any level) any disqualifying polygraph-derived information of a clear counterintelligence nature, such as disloyalty, unauthorized contact with a foreign intelligence service, mishandling of classified information, etc.
- ° We will cooperate fully with the Secret Service and provide polygraph-derived information that relates to that agency's primary protective function.
- ° We will provide to other Intelligence Community agencies holding an active SCI access on an individual any polygraph-derived information that resulted in a decision for disapproval of that person for SCI access at CIA.
- ° No other department or agency of government not included above is to receive polygraph-derived noncounterintelligence information unless specifically proposed by the Director of Security.
- ° Nothing above is intended in any way to affect the Agency's obligation to report possible violations of law to the Office of General Counsel for referral to the Department of Justice.
- ° Any passing of polygraph-derived information in accordance with any of the above provisions is understood to be for lead purposes only.

In making release decisions, other aspects of the matter are considered. For example:

- ° Why does the other agency need the information?
- ° What is the other agency's record in protecting such data? (The FBI and Secret Service have excellent records.)
- ° What is the basic mission of the receiving agency and how will release of the information enhance the mission?

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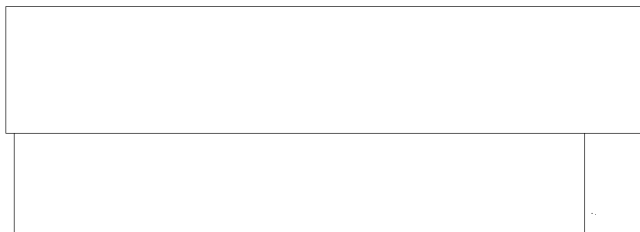
° Will national security really be affected if the information is not released?

We have found that information considered disqualifying by this Agency, specifically in the lifestyle area, has tended not to be viewed in the same light by other agencies. While we have no desire to impose our clearance standards on other agencies, there is a need to ensure Sensitive Compartmented Information is afforded generally uniform protection by generally uniform standards.

It should be stressed that in each case the subject volunteers the polygraph information. The specific questions are reviewed before the test and he/she is explicitly informed that we have an obligation to pass to other agencies derogatory counterintelligence or other significant information. The subject signs a "Consent for Polygraph Examination" which stipulates this requirement (see attachment). A similar consent form is used for industrial contractor employees.

These guidelines are intended to ensure that the national security is considered in decisions to release as well as to withhold such sensitive information. Further, these guidelines support the concept of consistency in security procedures governing Sensitive Compartmented Information.

3. Recommendation: That you approve the above-described policy concerning the release of polygraph-derived information to other government agencies.



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Attachment

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CONCUR:

[Redacted Signature]

Acting Deputy Director for Administration

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Executive Director  
(see attached note)

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APPROVED:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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CONSENT FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION  
(Applicant or Staff-Like Access)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to polygraph testing administered by examiners of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am under consideration for employment with the CIA or for staff-like access to Agency information or facilities. I understand that polygraph testing and periodic retesting is required as a precondition for such employment or staff-like access.

I have received an explanation regarding the operation of the instrument, and regarding the procedures to be followed during the examination. I understand that the questions to be asked during the examination will be limited to those necessary to resolve security issues, as approved by the Director of Central Intelligence, such as loyalty, compromise of classified information and counterintelligence, falsification of personal history documents and vulnerability to blackmail, and that the questions will be reviewed with me, at least in general, prior to the examination.

I am aware that information obtained in the course of the polygraph examination will be strictly controlled within the Central Intelligence Agency and may not be released outside of the Central Intelligence Agency except when necessary in the interest of national security as determined by the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, or as provided below.

I have been further advised that any information relating to violations of law will be reported to the Attorney General as required by Section 535 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Executive Order 12036 or its successors, and also may be reported to appropriate law enforcement or other government agencies for administrative, investigative or legal action. I have also been advised of my rights against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I also understand that the session with the polygraph examiner may be monitored and recorded for the purpose of clarity and accuracy.

I have read the foregoing and understand its import fully.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I place my signature below, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

The above was read and signed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

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