

17 February 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [redacted] Chief, Intelligence Branch, CRD

SUBJECT: Auxiliary File for the DARE System

1. With a number of questions in mind concerning the security of the new DARE auxiliary system, I visited Office of Data Processing and Office of Communications on 5 February 1982. [redacted] of the tape library answered a number of questions concerning the handling and storage of tapes of the ODP training staff clarified several overall questions, and [redacted] of OC reassured me concerning transmission methods.

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2. The DARE system has been assigned a dedicated minidisc with a special access password for keying compartmented data. These entries will be transferred to an auxiliary tape file on our instructions. When this happens, the same information will be batched to the main file, except that the title field for each item will read "see OPI."

3. The minidisc is protected from spillage to another file by being assigned (i.e., dedicated) only to the person giving the correct password. No other offices or systems share space on the disc. I was able to ascertain only one case in which there might be spillage; that would be possible if the system "crashed" during keying, but the spillage would be back to the input terminal screen only.

4. All tapes are handled alike - stored in a vault and handled only by authorized personnel. Tapes are identified by number, and members of the tape library do not know to which system or office they belong nor can they read the data. On request, tape numbers are matched to password for positive control. Over a period of several hours, I was able to observe the fact that access to the Ruffing Center is strictly controlled and that visitors are escorted, even those with verified clearances.

5. A back-up tape of all input for each 24-hour period is kept by Customer Service Branch. These are handled in the same manner as the library tapes and erased after 7 days.

6. Transmission of all data between buildings is enciphered by OC and monitored only for trouble-shooting. The monitoring equipment is in a limited access area. When we request listings through the ORD facility, the data output is held at Ruffing Center until we say print; it is then transmitted to the printer at Ames and erased immediately at the source. No memory remains stored at Ames or Headquarters. If the printing was unsuccessful, the program must be re-entered.

7. I am satisfied that the DARE system auxiliary is secure and that we may safely begin using it.

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Distribution:

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