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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
OS APEX Control Officer

FROM: [redacted]
Deputy Director for Community Affairs

SUBJECT: OS Access Review

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1. The following may be of assistance. If so, use. If not destroy.

2. APEX accesses are to be granted only to personnel with substantive access requirements. APEX General I and II will appear as a tempting device to provide "light" access. This is to be resisted. For your assistance in the OS scrub down, bear in mind there will be no TK photography necessary for any OS officers except those briefing officers in SSC.

a. SAG may need APEX COMINT on an ad hoc basis. Check to see what if any current SI material they routinely receive.

b. Industrial Security Branch formerly held [redacted] SI, TK for purposes of entry to inspect facilities and for paper holding. We can't give you any suggestion as to what they will need. You might ask them for a list of specific tickets they will need depending on where they have to go.

c. All secretaries who are required to handle APEX material should get APEX General II. Your front office girls seem like good candidates, as well as the registry girls. There is serious question about any of the other secretaries in the office requiring approval. This includes PSI, P&M [redacted] and PTOS.

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d. SACs and A/SACs should be nominated for APEX COMINT Product Compartment for emergency briefings.

e. ISSG Chief and Deputy should be considered for APEX COMINT so they can at least have a foot in the door although I can't see them being involved with substantive APEX. They will be dealing with computer processing, not the intelligence substance per se.

f. Since SSC/CIB and SSC officers have unique roles to play, I suggest you may wish to defer to [redacted] for proposed access.

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3. Some specifics on the attached SPECLE Run dated 3 October:

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- is off the books - the 2 holders should be administratively debriefed [redacted] will fall out when 4C comes around).

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- only SSC people who brief on it should retain.

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TK - with the decompartmentation of almost all photography and IMAGERY reports, no one in OS except SSC briefers should hold. Thus, most of [redacted] people can be scrubbed.

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SI - of the [redacted] holders in OS, there will be very few who will need APEX COMINT. (SSC-ers excepted since they will need to brief and to communicate.) The rule should be - if people get substantive SI now they may be expected to receive APEX COMINT product. If, OS-ers hold SI for another reason, e.g., access to areas, proximity to secure phones, clearance actions, investigations and adjudications, a real hard look should be taken and questions resolved in favor of curtailing access.

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