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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Inspector General

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit to NSA to Discuss EOD Processing

1. As members of the EOD Processing Inspection Team, we currently are groping for possible solutions to a plethora of problems that Agency applicants and hiring components have been experiencing. In the course of our survey, several people have suggested that NSA has similar problems and is doing some things differently. We would like to find out just what their current approach to applicant processing is like and what kind of results they are getting.

2. I talked about this with [redacted] because of her own experience and contacts at NSA. She said that she now has only substantive contacts at NSA and cannot recommend a point of contact for our purposes. But she does believe that NSA's personnel processing requirements are more like CIA's than those of DIA, State, or FBI. 25X1

3. If you agree on the merits of a visit to NSA, we would appreciate your calling the IG there to arrange for a point of contact. Then, perhaps [redacted] and I could arrange for our clearances to be passed and go out there some day next week. Here are some topics that you can say we would like to explore: 25X1

--The normal sequence of major steps in the processing of NSA applicants (i.e., professional/clerical testing, medical, and security background investigations).

--Specifically, what has NSA's experience been with the practice of up-front polygraphing of applicants?

--Any other initiatives aimed at expediting the processing/clearance of NSA applicants.

--Any special measures that NSA takes to keep in touch with applicants and to reassure them throughout the processing period.



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