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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SECOM

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Director of Security

SUBJECT:

Proposed NSDD on Controlled Executive

Disclosure

- 1. The proposed National Security Decision Directive on Controlled Executive Disclosure has been reviewed by appropriate Agency components including the Office of General Counsel. Comments that have been offered concerning the draft follow:
- It should be clearly understood that this proposed NSDD should follow the requirements of Executive Order 12356 and the various DCIDs and NSDDs relating to the classification of National Security Information.
- With that in mind, Executive Order requirements concerning declassification of information will continue to apply and senior officials must have information formally declassified by appropriate authorities before that information can be released.
- It should also be clearly understood that information which originated with one agency cannot be declassified by a second agency.
- 2. It is specifically suggested that the wording in the first paragraph be changed to clearly reflect that the information currently classified is intended to be declassified. The term "formerly classified information" is misleading and the following change is offered:

From time to time authorities within the executive departments determine that it is necessary to declassify currently classified information for release in connection with valid foreign policy or national security requirements.

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The reference to "formerly classified information" in the last paragraph can be retained.

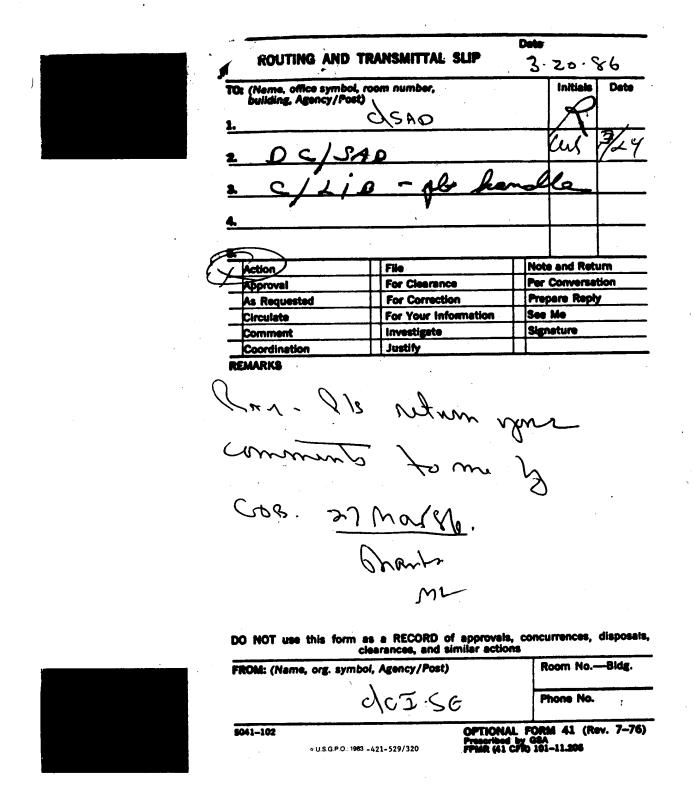
3. This proposal has been discussed at length for at least two years. It is a good idea and we endorse it. At a minimum, a determination could be made that a disclosure was authorized and properly declassified for policy reasons and was not passed to the media without prior authorization.

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## DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

#### SECURITY COMMITTEE

#### UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

12 March 1986

Chairman, DCI Security Committee Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear

As a part of our ongoing efforts to develop initiatives which may be useful to the Director of Central Intelligence in his effort to reduce the incidence of unauthorized disclosures which are seriously damaging to intelligence sources and methods, I have drafted the attached letter for the DCI's signature.

The letter, addressed to the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, encloses a copy of a draft NSDD on "Controlled Executive Disclosure".

If the DCI believes it to be do-able, and it is accepted, we can help organize a small ad hoc working group to assist in implementation actions.

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Sincerely,

CHAIRMAN
Unauthorized Disclosure
Investigations Subcommittee

Encl: a/s

## DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Proposed NSDD on "Controlled Executive Disclosure"

- l. As a part of our continuing effort to develop innovative approaches to the serious problem of unauthorized disclosures of sensitive information, the Chairman, Unauthorized Disclosures Investigations Subcommittee of my Security Committee has developed a draft National Security Decision Directive to establish a system for coordinating proposed disclosures.
- 2. The proposed "Controlled Executive Disclosure" system has several useful features:
  - it is drafted to protect not only intelligence but all national security information
  - it is not pointed to the media but rather to the "leaker"
  - it recognizes that certain senior officials must, from time to time, release what was classified information to do their job
  - it sets up a system to accommodate the executive who must release information - while protecting the still sensitive aspects
- 3. I recognize that some seniors may consider this "too bitter a pill" and fight it. It can only be effective if it gets the President's strong support.
- 4. This proposal has been discussed with Ken DeGraffenreid of your staff and with the Director, Information Security Oversight Office, both of whom felt it had merit and should be tried.

- 5. I recommend the attached draft be discussed at an early National Security Council meeting.
- 6. If accepted, I am prepared to provide assistance on its implementation. An Ad Hoc Working Group could be convened to facilitate implementation and develop associated ground rules.

WILLIAM J. CASEY

Encl:

Draft NSDD "Controlled Executive Disclosure"

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

National Security Decision Directive

# CONTROLLED EXECUTIVE DISCLOSURE

From time to time authorities within the Executive Departments determine that it is necessary to declassify and release formerly classified information in connection with valid foreign policy or national security requirements.

The purpose of this directive is to establish a procedure to assure that such releases do not inadvertently jeopardize military operations, foreign relations, or sensitive intelligence sources or methods.

When such proposed releases relate to military operations, they will be referred to the Secretary of Defense or his designee for approval.

When such proposed releases relate to foreign relations, they will be referred to the Secretary of State or his designee for approval.

When such proposed releases include, or are based on, sensitive intelligence sources or methods they will be referred to the Director of Central Intelligence or his designee for approval. Additionally if sensitive cryptologic information is involved, the item must be referred to the Director, National Security Agency.

Releases, either verbal or written, which contain formerly classified information and which have been coordinated in accordance with the control procedures described herein will be referred to as Controlled Executive Disclosures (CED). Authorities releasing such information will maintain a record of the CED coordination and release details. Releases of classified information which have not been subject to the CED coordination process will be considered unauthorized disclosures.

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SUBJECT: Proposed NSDD on Controlled Executive Disclosure

- l. I have reviewed the proposed National Security Decision Directive on Controlled Executive Disclosure and have no legal objection to the draft, provided that there is a clear understanding that this NSDD should be read in conjunction with Executive Order 12356, National Security Information, and various DCIDs and NSDDs on the classification of National Security Information. I believe it is important to make it clear that the Executive Order requirements concerning the declassification of information will continue to apply, that senior officials must have information formally declassified by appropriate authorities before they can release such information, and that information which originated with one agency cannot be declassified by a second agency.
- 2. I also have a minor technical problem with a reference to the first paragraph of the NSDD to "formerly classified information." I assume that this was meant to refer to information which is classified and then intended to be declassified for release as a "Controlled Executive Disclosure." Technically speaking, information remains classified until it has been declassified, and the reference to declassification of "formerly classified information" makes no sense. I would suggest the following changes to the first paragraph of NSDD:

From time to time authorities within the executive departments determine that it is necessary to declassify currently classified information for release in connection with valid foreign policy or national security requirements.

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3. The reference to "formerly classified information" in the last paragraph can be retained as it refers to information which was, in fact, formerly classified and which has been declassified pursuant to the procedures in the NSDD.

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