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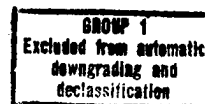MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Definition of Security Agreements
Providing for the Interagency Use
of Remote Terminals

1. Recent developments within the Central Intelligence Agency
have surfaced the problem of defining the security responsibility
entailed when one agency connects remote terminals to a central
processing unit of another agency giving the former access to the
latter's data base.

2. When an interagency remote terminal hook-up is effected,
should security controls for the remote terminal be dictated by the
agency using the remote terminal or the agency providing the CPU
and the data base? If the agency using the terminal dictates the
security procedures, does the security officer of this agency certify
that the operational procedures of the terminal provide adequate
security? If the agency owning the CPU determines the security
control required for remote terminal use, does the CPU owner
security officer assume responsibility for the security of the remote
terminal? Who is responsible for determination of cause when a
compromise of classified information results from this interagency
hook-up?

3. Attached is a Memorandum of Agreement, which the
undersigned feels would resolve the above questions and facilitate
the installation of such interagency terminals.

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4. The undersigned requests that this issue be brought before the USIB Computer Security Subcommittee for discussion and concurrence.

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CIA Member
Computer Security Subcommittee

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Pertaining to interagency use of remote terminals, we the undersigned, the designated representatives of the below listed Intelligence Community agencies to the USIB Computer Security Subcommittee, agree to abide by the following security control procedures for the interagency use of remote terminals; i.e., when a remote terminal from one USIB member agency is connected to the CPU and classified data base of another USIB member agency:

1. Security controls of remote terminal operation will be specified by the owner of the central processing unit to which the terminal is connected.

2. These security control procedures will be conveyed in writing to the security officer of the terminal owner agency who will assure these procedures are followed and certify same to the security officer of the central processing unit owner.

3. Any compromise of classified data resulting from this interagency remote terminal connection will be resolved through the joint efforts of the security · officers of the agencies involved.

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