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13 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR IC STAFF [redacted] CHAIRMAN, DCI INTELLIGENCE  
INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE)

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SUBJECT: Response to a HAC-Requested Report on Security Implications of  
Expanded Use of Computers and Office Automation Equipment (DCI/ICS  
86-4010 Memo, 17 Jan 86)

This report outlines actions being taken by the NRO to strengthen physical and  
electronic computer and automated office equipment security.

I believe from your memo you have an understanding of the risks associated  
with personal computers and word processors.

The following are security measures employed to limit risks to program  
information handling systems, including word processing and small computers:

- a. All employees must be currently accessed and active on program activities.
- b. All employees must have received a Special Background Investigation (SBI) less than 5 years old or are in the process of a Periodic Reinvestigation.
- c. All employees have received or are subject to a Counter-intelligence polygraph. Those with ADP system manager/operator privileges are subject to periodic polygraphs.

Security procedures employed to limit the risk of compromise by disloyal employees are:

- a. All systems are fully enclosed in accredited program areas. No unencrypted links to any other system are permitted and all systems on the net must operate at the same security level.
- b. All media and runs must be marked with highest classification at time of creation.
- c. All magnetic media are treated as a program level "document" controlled at the highest security level contained on the media. This policy includes floppy discs, removable hard discs, Winchester technology disc systems (when removed from carriers/drive units) and older technologies.

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d. All transportation of computer runs and magnetic media is only performed by sponsor approved couriers and controlled at each end.

e. All system users are assigned unique user and application passwords and may use unique lockwords to protect online storage from other users.

f. Selected audits of user files can be conducted by system managers and security staff.

g. All persons granted access to facilities or computer equipment are continually monitored by peers and supervisors for reliability concerns (substance abuse, financial problems, emotional disorders, etc.) and those matters referred to the security or medical staff as required.

h. We comply with DCID 1/16 (Security Policy on Intelligence Information in Automated Systems and Networks).

In regard to resource short falls or problem areas, we identify the following:

a. Because the greatest vulnerability is human personnel failure, we need support for 100% polygraphing.

b. State of the art systems are growing much faster than security staffs or technical security evaluation. Thus, we must continually address the demands on program/engineering staffs to bring new and developing systems on board before full security impact can be assessed. For example, we need to explore safeguards for software when multi-level compartments are within the computer.

c. With budget cuts, additional efforts will rely primarily on administrative and procedural controls.

d. Qualified personnel with background in ADP and computer security are scarce and in high demand both in industry and government.

e. We are exploring the technical solution of marking transportable media with magnetic labels that could be detected when illegally removed from a secure facility.

Questions regarding this response should be directed to Capt

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26 February 1986

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SUBJECT: Response to a HAC-Requested Report on Security Implications of Expanded Use of Computers and Office Automation Equipment (DCI/ICS 86-4010 Memo, 17 Jan 1986)

REFERENCE: NRO Staff Memo, Same Subject, 13 Feb 1986, [redacted] STAT

- This report provides additional information concerning the numbers of past and future use of personal computers and word processors by our organization. With 1985 considered as the current year, in the past three years we used 16 personal computers and word processors. We project to use in the next three years 569 personal computers and word processors. These systems are or will process intelligence information.

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