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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Secure Equipment Acquisition Policy (SEAP) -- Minutes of Task Force Meeting of 16 December 1981

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1. The eighth meeting of the SEAP Task Force was held on 16 December with the following personnel in attendance:

[Redacted list of personnel]

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Due to the absence of the Chairman, [Redacted] and at his request, the meeting was chaired by [Redacted]

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2. The meeting focused on reviewing the draft Task Force summary memorandum, dated 10 December 1981, prepared by Mr. [Redacted]. Three general issues were raised: First, it was the consensus of the attendees that the memorandum should be classified. [Redacted] is requested to determine appropriate paragraph classification.) Second, it was again the consensus that the memorandum was more appropriately to the DDA than the DCI, due to level of detail. Alternatively, it could stand alone as the Task Force Summary Report. In either case, it was agreed that a shorter memorandum should be prepared for the DCI (no tasking was assigned). Third, the report should reflect the fact that the Task Force has broadened its scope to include ADP software and services, in addition to ADP equipment (i.e., ADP resources). [Redacted]

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3. In the process of reviewing the report line-by-line, a difference of opinion surfaced between [Redacted] and the other attendees. The remainder of the meeting, over an hour, was spent discussing this point. [Redacted]

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4. [Redacted] re-opened the issue of the adequacy of the threat assessment in demonstrating that foreign ADP resources have security vulnerabilities over and above that associated with domestic ADP resources. He believed that specific examples of foreign modification of U.S. Government equipment should be alluded to or presented explicitly. If such examples are not available, he requested that related evidence of actual

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modification of equipment be alluded to or described. If no examples are available, [redacted] implied the Task Force has not adequately proved the security vulnerability of foreign ADP resources. [redacted]

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5. It was the opinion of other attendees that a collection of ADP equipment modification examples would not significantly improve the existing threat assessment. In their judgment, the threat assessment is based on general ADP and security principles and supports the Task Force recommendation. It was suggested that [redacted] should 1) supply new language for the summary report for review by the Task Force; 2) draft a minority position; or 3) draft a memorandum for the record. [redacted] agreed, as the next step, to provide new language for consideration of the group. [redacted]

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6. Due to the lack of time only a small portion of the report was ultimately reviewed. (A copy of minor changes to the report resulting from this meeting will be forwarded to the Chairman for incorporation into the next revision.) Finally, it was suggested that a more efficient method for detailed review and editing of the report than a full Task Force session be explored. [redacted]

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Chief, Policy and Plans Group
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cc: All SEAP Task Force Members
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