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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee
National Foreign Intelligence Board

FROM: [Redacted]
Chief, Physical Security Division
Office of Security

SUBJECT: Sound Attenuation Test for Secure Conference
Rooms (U)

REFERENCE: Annex C-Pages 35, 36 and 37 of the USIB Policy
Statement establishing Physical Security Stand-
ards for Sensitive Compartmented Information
Facilities, effective 30 Apr 73. (FOUO)

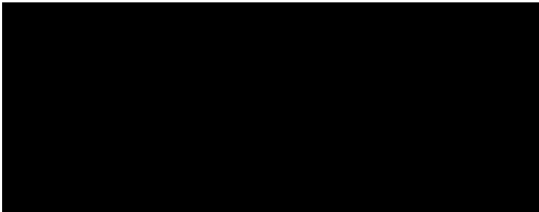
1. (FOUO) In recent months, several non-National Foreign
Intelligence Board (non-NFIB) Agencies have requested specifica-
tions detailing a simplified procedure to field check sound
attenuation levels in secure conference rooms. 25X1A

2. (C) On 1 June 1977, [Redacted]
Security Branch met with Mr. Walter Rabbitt of the Administrative
Security Division, Bureau of Standards (BOS), Department of
Commerce, and Dr. David T. Goldman, Deputy Director, Institute for
Basic Standards, BOS, relevant to paragraph 4b of the referent.
Dr. Goldman stated the facility to conduct sound attenuation tests
was not constructed at the new BOS headquarters in Darnestown,
Maryland. He further stated that, to his knowledge, the require-
ment as defined in paragraph 4b of the referent was never levied
upon BOS.

3. (FOUO) At the present, a simplified method for measuring
sound attenuation levels does not exist and the ASTM E-336-67T
method referenced in paragraph 4a is not feasible due to its
complex technical terminology.

4. (FOUO) It is requested that NFIB establish new standards
and publish guidelines as stated in paragraph 4b of the referent.

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