



~~(U//FOUO)~~ Marijuana Use by CIA, IC Employees Still Prohibited Despite DC Referendum

(U//FOUO) Federal law specifically prohibits Agency staff and contract employees from using marijuana, despite the recent passage of the referendum in the District of Columbia, which decriminalizes the medical or recreational use of marijuana. State, local, or city legislative changes do not alter Federal law or existing National Security Guidelines.

(U//FOUO) Marijuana remains an illegal drug under the Federal Controlled Substance Act, and Federal law prohibits a Federal agency from granting or renewing a security clearance to an unlawful user of a controlled substance. The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) prescribed standards for clearance eligibility in Intelligence Community Policy Guidance 704.2 remain unchanged.

(U//FOUO) Moreover, Executive Order 12564 expressly states that "the use of illegal drugs, on or off duty, by Federal employees in certain positions evidences less than the complete reliability, stability, and good judgment that is consistent with access to sensitive information and creates the possibility of coercion, influence, and irresponsible action under pressure that may pose a serious risk to national security."

(U) For more information please refer to Intelligence Community Policy Guidance 704.2, Drug Involvement, Criminal Conduct, and Personal Conduct. (This article is ~~UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~)

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