

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Procedures

TO: DISTRIBUTION

1. The Deputy Secretary of Defense has announced a new personnel security policy for Department of Defense affiliated individuals (civilians, military, contractors) who are cleared for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI). This policy authorizes the conduct of polygraph examinations on those individuals affiliated with NSA who are cleared for SCI access. Therefore, the following procedures are effective immediately:

a. Civilian, military and contractor personnel cleared for access to NSA SCI shall be requested to take polygraph examinations on an aperiodic basis at any time after their initial clearance. The examinations will consist of relevant counterintelligence-type questions covering the following topics:

- (1) involvement in espionage or sabotage against the United States;
- (2) knowledge of others involved in espionage or sabotage against the United States;
- (3) involvement in giving or selling classified material to unauthorized persons;
- (4) knowledge of others giving or selling classified material to unauthorized persons; and
- (5) unauthorized contact with representatives of a foreign government.

b. Failure to consent to a polygraph examination may result in denial of continued access and, in the case of NSA civilian employees, termination of employment.

c. NSA/CSS Regulation 122-3, Polygraph Examinations and Examiners, is hereby amended insofar as refusal to consent to a polygraph examination under the procedures set forth above is concerned.

2. I wish to emphasize that the foregoing topics include only those areas of interest designed to determine whether an individual is engaged in activities which will harm the operational mission of this Agency. Our product is extremely perishable, as are the costly systems used to obtain it. For these reasons we must all join in this necessary counterintelligence process to further safeguard our activities from those who would negate our efforts.

3. This memorandum establishes the new policy at NSA. Specific implementing plans are currently being prepared by M5 and will be promulgated in the near future.

[signed]
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