

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION***Washington 25, D. C.*

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**Dear Mr. Dulles:****Re: Testing of Security Equipment  
for 1956**

Appreciate your splendid response to GSA's request of August 4 for funds to finance testing of security cabinets at the National Bureau of Standards during F. Y. 1955.

GSA is including in its Budget request for F. Y. 1956, \$30,000 to finance this work at the Bureau. Subsequent yearly funding requirements will be determined as the project progresses.

This financing is needed to test the products offered and to perform the necessary research and development work on all types of security equipment to meet the requirements of Executive Order No. 10501.

To present a strong justification for the 1956 budget, it would be helpful to have a letter from you in support of this project as it bears on your agency's security activity.

**Cordially yours,****EDMUND F. MANSURE**  
Administrator**Honorable Allen W. Dulles**  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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**Re: Testing of Security Equipment**

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Federal Committee on Security Equipment (established by letter to the Director, CIA October 28, 1953 and Mr. White's reply of November 11) has considered the best means of financing the testing of security equipment at the National Bureau of Standards to qualify suppliers. This will provide adequate security equipment specifications, consistent with the President's Executive Order on security.

Through the working committee on which [redacted] of the Office of Security, represents CIA, excellent progress has been made in providing a uniform specification and in qualifying insulated security files. STAT

GSA is anxious to enter a Federal Supply Schedule contract to provide agencies with acceptable security files. A condition of this is that continuing qualifying tests and developmental work be conducted at National Bureau of Standards. It was originally intended that this work be handled by Physical Security Equipment Agency, but with the abolition of that Agency in March, other arrangements had to be made.

The Director, National Bureau of Standards agreed to undertake the project through June 30, 1954 through a detail of personnel from interested agencies. He estimates that \$17,500 will be needed to continue the work for the balance of the Fiscal Year. This will include some developmental work on combination padlocks, alarm systems, security chests and other security items.

Preliminary discussions with Committee members indicate each of the interested agencies should contribute proportionately to this project. Your concurrence is asked in transferring \$2500 to the National Bureau of Standards. GSA will contribute \$2500 and Atomic Energy, State Department, and the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force have expressed willingness to contribute an equal amount.

GSA plans to request funds in its 1956 Budget to continue the project through National Bureau of Standards.

The success of the program requires that its financing be settled coincidentally with the issuance of invitations to bid--scheduled for first week in August. Would greatly appreciate, therefore, prompt action on this request.

Cordially yours,

The Hon. Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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