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AQUILINE PHASEOUT
SECURITY ANNEXI. Introduction:

A. This security plan is being drawn up to cover the final phaseout of the AQUILINE Program at Headquarters, Area 51, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, Huntington Beach, Calif, and the various subcontractors.

B. The plan is designed to protect the Agency role in the Program and prevent unauthorized individuals from becoming aware of the existence of the AQUILINE vehicle, the covert testing site and the Agency's overt/covert procurement and contracting methods.

C. It is contemplated that, for the present, the remaining AQUILINE vehicles (³2) will be stored in one of the ~~hangars~~^{buildings} at Area 51.

II. Considerations at Area 51:

A. All phase-out activities involving the security aspects of the Program are being handled by the AQUILINE Field Security Officer in coordination with the Program Field Director and the Program Phase-out Coordinator. Any additional security guidelines will be forthcoming from the Project Headquarters Security Staff.

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B. A procedure is currently in effect whereby all material, documents, and other miscellaneous properties (except company furnished equipment) which was originally charged out by various contractor personnel shall be accounted for prior to the final release of the company from their responsibilities to the Program and the individual himself debriefed from his association with AQUILINE. Such property, for the most part, is presently being retained and controlled in the AQUILINE hangar.

III. Considerations at McDonnell-Douglas Plant:

A. Contract will be terminated.

B. All contractor personnel cleared on the Program should be debriefed when it is determined that their services are no longer needed and prior to their possible imminent departure or termination from company employment.

C. All contractor personnel briefed Phase 3 should be debriefed by a Headquarters' Security Officer or a field-assigned careerist Security Officer, wherever feasible, taking into consideration additional travel costs. The Company Security Officer will be instructed to conduct all Phase 1 and Phase 2 debriefings in accordance with prescribed security guidelines. (See attachment.)

D. A review of all recorded classified documents should be made to determine whether they should be retained, destroyed, or returned to Project Headquarters, with special emphasis upon destroying any document no longer required at the facility. Any questionable documents or those of continuing interest, should be forwarded to Headquarters via courier for final determination.

Technical documents which the contractor wishes to retain should be kept to a minimum and must be sterilized prior to releasing to the contractor. All classified documents retained by the contractor should be recorded and made subject to a periodic review for possible ultimate destruction. They must be afforded the same security protection as previously given to the documents during the course of the Program.

E. A small cadre of personnel should retain their clearances in order to complete the final closing out procedures and to receive the final payment under the contract. These individuals would include such employees as the Program Manager/s, Contracting Officer/s, Security Officer/s, and any other personnel deemed necessary to complete phasing out procedures.

F. All Agency affiliation should be removed from any material or documents retained at the contractor facility.

G. Prior approval is required from Project Headquarters before any discussions can be held regarding the Program or concerning any release of material to individuals or representatives of other government agencies concerning future use of the hardware.

IV. Consideration at Subcontractors:

- A. Contract will be terminated with the principal contractors;
- B. Same as Para III(B);
- C. Same as Para III(C);
- D. Same as Para III(D);
- E. Same as Para III(E);

F. All requests to release technical Program data or discussions of any phase with uncleared persons or those already debriefed should be reported to the prime contractor security officer who, in turn, should contact Project Headquarters prior to any action being taken.

G. The terminated employee should execute a debriefing statement which should be forwarded to Project Headquarters.

ATTACHMENT

A. The following points should be emphasized at the debriefing of contractor personnel for use on Project AQUILINE at the Phase 1 and Phase 2 levels:

1. The individual should be reminded of his continued security responsibilities with respect to the Project and that the applicable espionage laws (Title 18, U.S. Code Sections 793, 794, and 798) remain in effect insofar as this Project is concerned. Upon request, the Security Officer should make available these Sections for review by the terminating employee. Special emphasis should be placed upon the importance of the terminating employee not revealing to unauthorized sources any of the Program's activities, places of operation, other individuals involved on the Program and any aspects of the Program to which he might have been exposed. Even though he is being debriefed from the Program, the security obligation remains in effect until otherwise released of this obligation by the United States Government. The debriefing, in essence, signified the final termination from the Program and no further access would be made available to him.

2. The employee will be instructed not to admit or imply any association with the AQUILINE Program nor should he, under any circumstances, reveal or confirm its existence even though future press coverage might surface information concerning the Program. It should also be emphasized to the employee that he should at no time reveal the identity of

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other companies who acted as subcontractors to the Program or to other company employees who were cleared on the Program. Special emphasis should be placed upon notifying any employee who was granted access to Area 51 that it is of the utmost importance for the location of the base and its related activities, if known, not be revealed to anyone.

3. The security coordinator should make certain that the terminating employee turn in his badge which afforded him access to the Program area and any other identifying material which might gain him access to the building. The employee should also be requested to render all classified material which he might still have in his possession. In the event that the employee might have some material bearing no classification but dealing with the AQUILINE Program, it should be turned over to the Security Coordinator to determine the sensitivity.

4. It should be made clear to the employee as to what information he might include in a resumé or application for future employment covering the period in which he was assigned to the Project. Under no circumstances should any mention be made of his association with a reconnaissance program or system, nor any of the locations of Project-associated areas which he might have been given access. The employee should include only general information when describing the type of work which he was performing during this period, and no reference should be made that in any way might reveal the identity of the hardware or any of its systems. It is

important that employers be required to furnish adequate backstopping for personnel records so that there is no compromise of the Program by either the description of the employee's duties or his possible identification of the Program testing area. Employers may, wherever possible, indicate that the employee was involved with an in-house research and development program.

5. Employees should not admit that they were cleared for access to the AQUILINE Program. Neither should they indicate on future employment applications that they were ever granted a clearance on the Program. Even though the cleared employees were investigated prior to the issuance of their clearances, this clearance in fact, is never revealed to a Department of Defense (DOD) office or other governmental agency when this employee is being considered for a DOD clearance.

6. Employees being terminated should be provided with a point of contact within the company, such as a Security Coordinator, where they can obtain advice and guidance concerning security questions and problems which might arise in the future. They should be encouraged to report any security breaches, compromises, or indiscretions which they might have firsthand knowledge of or they had been made aware subsequent to their termination.

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7. The employee should be notified that he should not travel to certain risk areas for approximately a one-year period without prior notification to the Security Coordinator for his ultimate notification to Project Headquarters.

8. It might be incumbent upon the Security Coordinator to convey to each terminating employee the sponsor's appreciation of their contribution to the Program.

B. Phase 3:

The above information should also be brought to the attention of all employees briefed Phase 3 on the AQUILINE Program, with special emphasis being placed upon the importance of not revealing, under any circumstances, the company or the Project's affiliation with the Agency.

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