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**MEMORANDUM FOR:      Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT:              Defense Positions for Scientific and Professional Personnel**

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. You inquired about the meaning of the amendments to the Executive Pay Act establishing up to 120 positions in the Department of Defense and not more than 25 positions in the National Security Agency for research and development functions relating to national defense.
3. The original Act of 1947 provided for 6 such positions in the entire Department of Defense and compensation was to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per annum and would be established subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission. The new amendment provides that any of the positions authorized may be paid between \$12,500 and \$19,000 per annum but again, the establishment of each salary is subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission except that any one position drawing under \$12,500 under the old Act will automatically go to \$12,500 under the new Act. All of these positions are included by statute in the Classified Civil Service and the Act requires approval of the proposed appointees qualifications by the Civil Service Commission or its designee. Presumably, therefore, a schedule would be set for this group so that, as an example, the 25 positions in the National Security Agency would be scattered between \$19,000 and \$12,500; but if the Civil Service were to approve, it is technically possible to have all 25 positions at \$19,000. Full reports on all appointments and appointees must be made to Congress each year.

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