

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D. C.

Director of Central Intelligence
2430 "E" Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Executive Order signed by me this date, I hereby authorize you to prescribe regulations for the award of the National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement and to make awards of the Medal where appropriate thereunder.

It is my desire that the design of the decoration and its accompanying ribbon and appurtenances be approved by you.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Truman

November , 1952

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States it is ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established a medal to be known as the National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement with accompanying ribbon and appurtenances of appropriate design.
2. The National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort.
3. The decoration established by this order shall be awarded by the President of the United States or by such person as he may designate.
4. No more than one National Security Medal for Distinguished Achievement shall be awarded to any one person, but for subsequent services justifying an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the medal.
5. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are recipients of the decoration established by this order are authorized to wear an appropriate ribbon, symbolic of the award, in accordance with applicable uniform regulations.
6. The decoration established by this order may be awarded posthumously.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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