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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Security Aspects of TALENT/AQUATONE

1. From time to time confusion has arisen among those cleared and briefed for TALENT and AQUATONE with regard to the end of one clearance and the beginning of the other. The proposals set forth below it is believed will, when carried out, clarify necessary distinctions between the two clearances and strengthen efforts to protect the source by virtue of more exact control of operational information.

Proposal One -- Modification of Security
Briefing and Agreement (TCS)

2. That the introductory paragraph in the existing security briefing and security agreement for the TALENT Control System be changed so that the following sentence be substituted for the existing first sentence and the third existing sentence be stricken:

"The TALENT Control System has been established by the Director of Central Intelligence in cooperation with the intelligence representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and NSA for the purpose of controlling the intelligence products of extremely sensitive intelligence sources each of which may require special operational clearance."

Comment: The effect of the change proposed above is to inform the reader of the locus of the responsibility for the control of

intelligence products acquired from sensitive sources but does not identify who is responsible for the sensitive sources. It should be noted, furthermore, that no reference is made even by implication to AQUATONE nor to the types of material which may be collected and come under the TALENT Control System.

Proposal Two -- Security Briefing
and Agreement (TCS)

3. That a new paragraph 3 be inserted to read as follows:

"I further understand that by reason of my TALENT clearance I do not have access to all TALENT information or materials but only those required on a MUST KNOW basis and that it is my responsibility before divulging information or giving materials to TALENT-cleared personnel to ascertain that they in fact have a MUST KNOW requirement to receive same."

Comment: It is recognized that TALENT Security Officers in the various agencies when conducting security briefings will have to emphasize the above point orally which is already incorporated into the TALENT manual but needs to be high-lighted.

Proposal Three -- Security Statement
for All Substantive Briefings

4. That TALENT Control Officers or their designees precede with the following statement all substantive informational briefings where TALENT material is used:

"Materials or information presented in the following briefing and identified as being in the TALENT Control System have been

"collected through highly sensitive operations, the details of which cannot be discussed," - Document *to - A.*

Comment: The foregoing will have the effect of eliminating from TALENT briefings sensitive data such as the following:

- a. Details of camera configurations and electronic systems which could reveal operational data, *other than capability. There are at least 4 or 5 types of cameras.*
- b. Plots of photo coverage of target areas, *whether single or comprehensive.*
- c. Operational plans, *including the following*
- d. Flight plans.
- e. Operational bases and processing centers.
- f. Soviet, Satellite and other foreign nations' reactions.
- g. Type and performance characteristics of aircraft.

Proposal Four -- Operational Information in the TALENT System

5. That documents or materials in the TALENT system which include sensitive operational information shall be identified by a code word (possibly AQUATONE) in addition to HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM and shall be made available only to those who have an AQUATONE clearance on a MUST KNOW basis. Such clearance does not automatically afford those personnel cleared for AQUATONE right of access to AQUATONE Headquarters. All media containing reference to the following information is defined as AQUATONE:

- a. Details of camera configurations and electronic systems which could reveal operational data *other than capability*
- b. Operational plans.
- c. Flight plans.
- d. Operational bases and processing centers.
- e. Soviet, Satellite and other foreign nations' reactions.
- f. Type and performance characteristics of aircraft.
- g. Maps and documents showing highest priority targets and containing references to weather data, range, projected operations data, and operational bases.

Proposal Five -- Reindoctrination

6. That each agency participating in the TALENT Control System institute in the month of May a reindoctrination of its personnel now in the TALENT Control System for the purpose of reminder and re-education in keeping with the TALENT Control System.

Comment: This proposal is based on the belief that unless we periodically call to mind those cleared into the system the essential guidelines of the system we are in danger of allowing a "take it for granted" attitude to develop.

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