

Statement concerning Central Intelligence Agency Exceptions  
to the Government Employees Training Act

The training which is provided for officers and employees of the Central Intelligence Agency is fundamentally an integral part of Agency operations. It is imperative that those officers and employees of the Agency who are in training status in preparation for sensitive operations maintain a status consistent with the cover and security of the operations for which they are being trained. Any unauthorized or unnecessary exposure of such personnel or the training activities in which they are engaged would result in a breach of the security and cover arrangements which are necessary to the operations of this Agency.

The unique training activities carried out by the Central Intelligence Agency are essential to the operations of an intelligence organization. Many of the Agency's specialized and classified forms of training activity are such that they could not conform with regulations which would be appropriate for normal Governmental training programs. It is believed that certain of these training activities are a type over which the Civil Service Commission would want neither responsibility nor control.

For these reasons there has been prepared a proposed Presidential directive which would permit the Central Intelligence Agency the latitude which it requires by not limiting it to the regulations suitable for normal Government training programs and would relieve the Civil Service Commission of responsibility for those unique activities.