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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
2430 K Street, NW  
Washington 25, D.C.

9 May 1950

Mr. Malcolm A. Frost  
Head, BBC Monitoring Service  
Caversham Park  
Reading, England

Dear Malcolm:

With reference to security clearance of British personnel assigned to FBIS stations I have been advised that the following proposal evolved from meetings between the Agency representative, officials of the British Security Service and yourself.

a. That the BBC Monitoring Service and FBIS agree on the required security standards for respective representatives who are to be attached to the other Service.

b. That in each case when submitting the name of a nominee to FBIS, or to an FBIS station, Mr. Frost would state that subject was security cleared for his proposed assignment and that this would mean that action b above had been taken. He would not in each case specifically state that action as set out in b above had been taken.

With reference to paragraph a above I propose that all representatives of either Service posted with the other Service should be cleared for "Secret" information, and further that we agree that "Secret" information is that information or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which might endanger national security, seriously jeopardize the international relations of our respective governments, or endanger the effectiveness of a program or policy of great importance to our respective governments. Examples:

Information or material regarding, or details of discussions or conferences with high officials of other governments on important questions, the premature disclosure of which would seriously affect the foreign relations of our respective governments.

Reports or acts dangerously unfriendly to our respective governments, or important trends in foreign affairs greatly endangering national security.

Certain highly important intelligence reports, including reports on subversive activities.

Vital information on important defenses.

High-grade cryptographic devices and related material.

If the above suggested standard definition and examples are agreeable to you, please advise me in writing to this effect.

The written statement outlined in paragraph b above should also be furnished at your convenience.

Thereafter, in compliance with paragraph e above, when submitting the name of a nominee for detail with FBIS it would only be necessary to advise me that the nominee was security cleared for the proposed assignment.

Sincerely,

L. E. White

Concurrence:



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The arrangement for security clearance of BBC personnel posted with FBIS is a personal arrangement with Mr. Frost and approved by Major General Sir Ian Jacob. All dealings of any nature whatever should be with Mr. Frost personally and if for any reason whatever he is no longer Head of the BBC Monitoring Service and accessible to clear such information the entire arrangement should be reexamined.