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Honorable David E. Bell Director Bureau of the Budget

Bureau of the Budget Washington 25, D. C. STAT STAT

Dear Mr. Bell:

As requested in the letter from the General Counsel, Bureau of the Budget, dated 31 August 1961, this Agency has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Executive Order 10501, "Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States." This Agency concurs in the proposed amendments as submitted.

It is noted that Section 4. (a) (1) "Group I Documents" provides that documents requiring special handling such as intelligence, counterintelligence, communications intelligence, and cryptography are completely excluded from automatic downgrading or declassification. In considering the implementation of this amendment, all documents and material originating in CIA are considered of an intelligence nature and therefore will be marked as "Group I Documents" and will be completely excluded from automatic downgrading or declassification.

Sincerely,

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C. P. Cabell General, USAF Acting Director

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Analysis of Amendments to EO 10501

Under Section 4, classified material is included within four groups for excluding or permitting automatic downgrading or declassification. Of concern to the Agency is the inclusion of intelligence within Group 1 Documents which completely excludes such material from automatic downgrading or declassification.

Section 5 specifies that each classified document shall be stamped to indicate the automatic downgrading or declassification schedule to be followed in accordance with the categories described in Section 4. CIA will mark all of its documents and materials originating in CIA as "Group 1".

The physical security standards and requirements as set forth in Section 6 will not result in any changes within CIA as our standards exceed the minimum standards set forth in this Section.

Section 8 was revised to (1) replace the ambiguous term "continental limits of the United States" and (2) to provide use of registered mail for transmission of Secret material by the U. S. Post Office, utilizing either military or civil U.S. postal facilities and (3) to require that U.S. material is no longer transported on foreign carriers.

Section 13 was revised to provide for special handling of communications intelligence, cryptography and their related activities.

Section 19 concerning unauthorised disclosures by government employees has been included for purposes of notifying all employees that prompt administrative and prosecutive action will be taken in all such cases.

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Bureau of Budget would like to have this reply today. I talked with just as the IB finished acting on this same question and he assures me there is no conflict and recommends your

signature on this letter stating the Agency's

position.

Notification of Board action will be accomplished separately.

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BRIEF FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Executive Order 10501, "Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States" Submitted for Comment by Bureau of the Budget

- 1. This office has reviewed the attached proposed amendments by the Bureau of the Budget to Executive Order 10501 as they affect the activities of the Agency and material under its jurisdiction.
- 2. The attached reply to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, for your signature, conveys the position of the Agency in this matter. This has been coordinated with the DD/I, DD/S, DD/P and the General Counsel.
- 3. There is also attached a brief analysis of the proposed amendments to Executive Order 10501 as pertinent.

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Attachments:

- 1. Proposed reply to Director of the Bureau of the Budget
- 2. Letter from General Counsel, Bureau of the Budget with enclosures.
- 3. Analysis of Amendments to Executive Order 10501