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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/PPS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Meeting with LtGen Williams regarding  
the Joint IC/DOD Computer Security Project

1. On 29 April 1983, [redacted] met with LtGen Williams, Director/DIA, and [redacted] Deputy Assistant Director for Defense Intelligence Systems, to discuss the joint IC/DOD Computer Security Project. [redacted] briefed LtGen Williams on the project and noted that the effort will deal with "electronic information security" (ELINFOSEC), to include intelligence information processed in both computers and communications networks. LtGen Williams concurred with the need for the effort, agreed with the tasks included in the project, and offered his personal support and the support of his staff during the conduct of the effort. LtGen Williams noted that this effort was long overdue. He agreed to serve on the Executive Steering Group and requested that the group meet as soon as possible to address this issue. [redacted]

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2. LtGen Williams noted his concern about both UNCLASSIFIED and CLASSIFIED systems. He referred to stories of college students who were able to break into unclassified systems as an item of concern. He stated that he felt the "certification process" [redacted] needed to be enhanced to accommodate current and future processing environments. LtGen Williams agreed with [redacted] assessment that the Community and DOD lacked adequate procedures to certify electronic information systems. LtGen Williams cautioned that the project team should be leary of quick fixes and noted Honeywell's offer in the mid-60s to solve security problems with a vaguely defined black box. [redacted]

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3. LtGen Williams again expressed his support of the effort and asked [redacted] what DIA could do to help. [redacted] noted that the project would get involved in some fairly sensitive areas, including policy areas. [redacted] requested that LtGen Williams support the effort by providing an appropriate amount of time to address sensitive areas that may be uncovered. [redacted] asked for technical assistance from [redacted] shop. [redacted] expressed his support of the effort, but cautioned that DIA had limited resources devoted to computer security. He noted that a total of four personnel in DIA were committed to the computer security area. LtGen Williams offered his support in response to both Mr. [redacted] request and [redacted] request. (C)

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4. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] be briefed on the following areas:

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