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10 May 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/PPS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Meeting with Clarus Rice regarding Joint  
IC/DOD Computer Security Project

1. On 4 May 1983, [Redacted] briefed Mr. Clarus Rice, Director, Office of Central Reference (OCR), on the joint IC/DOD Computer Security Project. Mr. Rice agreed with the need for the effort and offered his support of the project. After he heard and agreed with the objectives and tasks to be accomplished, Mr. Rice offered the following comments:

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- o He expressed concern for the general trend of expanding data access via Community networks indicating there could be a resulting lack of positive control over the data consistent with the intent of the originator.
- o He voiced his concern with the IHC's Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) plan stating that he was generally opposed to the effort since he doubted that a technical solution to multilevel access controls was forthcoming.
- o He noted one of the reasons data is difficult to control in automated systems is that there are almost an unlimited number of "release control markings," (i.e., the authorized control markings identified in DCID 1/7 are not strictly enforced).
- o He stated his concern that as more information is made available to automated systems/networks, producers such as DDO/CIA will begin to reduce the amount of data they will allow to be placed in these systems because of concerns over lack of adequate security safeguards. He noted that DDO/CIA now wants all DDO material to be removed from the RECON GUARD test.

2. Mr. Rice provided some examples of past problems he has noted with on-line systems and their lack of ability to enforce the "need-to-know" principle. He requested that during the course of the IC/DOD Computer Security Project the DCI be told of the risk he faces through the expansion of computer/communications networks. [Redacted] noted that such an assessment was one of the tasks of the project and requested Mr. Rice's help during the effort. Mr. Rice expressed his willingness to help as much as possible.

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