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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]  
Director, Planning and Policy Staff



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FROM: [redacted]  
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SUBJECT: Meeting with [redacted] Deputy Director COMSEC/NSA,  
Concerning IC Computer Security Project

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1. During the 8 April 1983 meeting with [redacted] in his office at NSA, [redacted] provided an overview of the proposed efforts regarding the Intelligence Community (IC) Computer Security project. [redacted] was very supportive of the proposed effort and commented that he has felt growing concern over the past 15 years that this area has not been adequately addressed. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] agreed that the problem was more than just computer security; that it also involves COMSEC, TEMPEST, and all other areas concerned with intelligence information in electronic form. He also agreed that current policies are lacking, and that the project team should try to help develop appropriate policies. He noted that the current DCID 1/16 was not adequate to address the subject. [redacted]

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[redacted] He noted that the government needs what could be termed an "Electronic Information Protection Policy." He also suggested that if new policies need to subsume portions of COMSEC along with Computer Security areas, that the project team should not hesitate to recommend such an action. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] was asked whether the COMSEC world would be willing to assist such an effort, particularly after he retired in June 1983. He stated that he felt a growing number of people were concerned enough about this larger computer security problem to accept reasonable recommendations. Mr. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] also noted that he felt the effort should get off and running as soon as possible to take advantage of the high level interest in this critical area. He also suggested that early on, the project team should [redacted]

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