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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. Thanks for your response to my request for concise information about what the committee is doing, how well it is doing, and how it might do better.

2. The committee seems to have taken on an impressive array of assignments. I share its frustration at not getting more cooperation and more results on leaks and uniform protection of intelligence. It might help if I had a review of how and when prior DCIs have weighed in effectively to read the riot act and otherwise curb laxity in the handling of classified information. Has anybody ever had any success at this?

3. I am expecting a briefing on computer security this week.

4. Let me see the comparison of the proposed NSDD on "Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security" with the current environment governed by PD-24 and the areas in which the proposed NSDD would have impact on the DCI's statutory and executive order authorities for the protection of sources and methods.

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Work done and current focus:

Developed common personnel, physical, information handling, security awareness and foreign travel security standards for SCI. Developed security policy for Community use in protecting intelligence in automated systems; restricting its use when sensitive sources are involved; and safeguarding facts of and facts about foreign liaison. Coordinates Government-wide effort in technical surveillance countermeasures, Community security R&D, and department and agency efforts to combat leaks. Current focus is two-fold: (1) foster homogeneity in application of DCI security policies (e.g., through Community seminars in personnel and physical security); and (2) trying to raise level of awareness on unauthorized disclosure problem and to improve quality of investigations of leaks.

How well is work going:

It goes slowly in personnel and computer security fields where turf and/or resource considerations are at issue (e.g., revision of SCI personnel security policy was protracted by resource-driven dispute over period of coverage of investigations). Efforts to combat leaks on a Community basis hindered by shortages of investigators, "dirty-linen" syndrome, and competing priorities. In strictly technical areas (TSCM and R&D) it goes better, but successful "seed money" budget is being gutted by Congressional cuts.
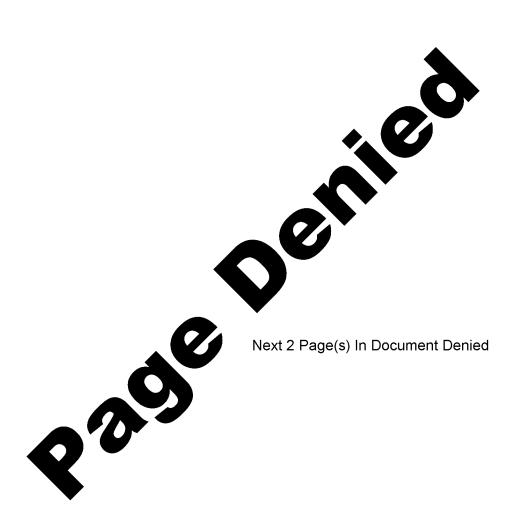
How SECOM contribution might be enhanced:

1. Leaks - Try to get senior officials to take more aggressive approach to combatting leaks (e.g., devote more resources to conducting meaningful leak investigations).

2. Resources - More support needed for Community R&D in security field.

Clarification of roles and missions would help (e.g.,   25X1
House Appropriations Subcommittee recommended crippling cut in FY 84 SECOM budget on questionable premise that all computer security is NSA's business and that all other security R&D could be taken care of with | | 25X1

3. Uniform protection of intelligence - personnel security standards vary widely for access to non-SCI intelligence (e.g., much imagery is disseminated at Secret level to users whose clearances are based, at CIA, on background investigations and polygraph, and, at the Military Departments, on a record check only.) Try to get senior officials to agree to timetable of meaningful upgrades in standards for initial and continued access to Secret-level intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff
Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

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1. As you know, I recently called for a listing of all intelligence committees, both within the Community and "in-house."

2. Please have the chairmen of these committees prepare, for my attention, a response of three paragraphs, each addresssing:

   -- What the committee has done and where its current focus lies.

   -- How well the committee's work is going.

   -- How the committee's contribution might be enhanced.

3. I'd allow a week after receipt of the request to respond.

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