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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Award of the National Security Medal

The President has approved the award of the National Security Medal to Mr. John N. McMahon, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. The approved citation to accompany the award is attached.

The NSC Staff point of contact is Kenneth E. deGraffenreid, 395-3334, in making arrangements for the presentation of this award.

John M. Poindexter

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## CITATION

Mr. McMahon's outstanding career began in 1951 when he joined the Central Intelligence Agency. During this remarkable career he has capably served in a number of high level Agency positions including: Deputy Director, Office of Special Projects; Deputy Director and Director, Office of ELINT; Director, Office of Technical Service; Associate Deputy Director for Administration; Associate and Acting Deputy, Intelligence Community Staff; Deputy Director for Operations; Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment Center; Executive Director Central Intelligence. His success in these important positions were further recognized when in 1982 he was appointed Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. McMahon brought to his new assignment not only a keen intellect and an invaluable background in CIA operations and activities, but he also possessed the highest degree of integrity, initiative, and desire for preservation of his Nation's security. At a time when both the CIA and Intelligence Community were going through a period of revitalization and rebuilding, Mr. McMahon provided strength of character, high moral conviction, and leadership that reflect great credit on him, the Intelligence Community, and his country. This award is presented to Mr. McMahon not only to highlight the valuable contributions he has made to the National Intelligence effort, but also to reflect his standard of excellence throughout his remarkable CIA career.