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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

FROM: Edward J. Maloney  
Acting Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT: National Policy for Granting Access to  
U.S. Classified Cryptographic Information

REFERENCE: DDI-111-86, dtd 19 February 1986 *MT/SSC*

1. We welcome the opportunity to review and comment on subject proposal. Needless to say we heartily endorse any effort to improve the security of classified government operations and communications. We are in the process of performing a staff study which focuses on requiring a counterintelligence-scope polygraph for Agency contractor personnel who are granted cryptographic clearances. We are sharing this information with your Communications Security Division.

2. We believe that the proposed policy is a major step forward. However, we also see room for additional stringency in the policy statement. The following changes to the original policy statement reflect our thoughts:

Section I Para 3.a.

"Is a native born or has been a naturalized  
U.S. citizen for a period not less than five years;"

Section I Para 3.e.

"Receives access approvals and a security briefing appropriate to the program being accessed and the U.S. classified cryptographic information they will be exposed to;"

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Section I Para 3.g.

"g. Consents to and is administered a counter-intelligence (CI)-scope polygraph within 90 days of receiving the clearance. Thereafter, a CI-scope polygraph is to be administered on an aperiodic basis. The polygraph examination will encompass questions concerning espionage, sabotage, and unauthorized giving or selling of classified information to, or unauthorized contacts with, representatives of foreign governments or agencies."

Section II EXCEPTIONS Para 4.

"4. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the respective heads of Federal departments and agencies or their designees."

3. We have no comment on the Advisory Memorandum. If you have any questions concerning the above, or require more information, please contact   
Communications Security Branch, Domestic Field Group, OIT, on

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