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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



August 15, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Proposed NSDD on Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems (U)

(U) I appreciate the opportunity to provide further comments regarding subject NSDD. The U.S. posture in these vital areas must be strengthened, and the NSDD is an essential first step in that direction.

I support the structure established and functions assigned by the NSDD. The JCS is in agreement now, as are some of the Services. However, I believe it needs to be changed in several particulars to make it fully acceptable.

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The most important has to do with the relationship between the Executive Agent and the National Manager. If the Secretary of Defense is to be the Government's Executive Agent, with commensurate responsibilities, it seems to me to be essential that all authorities of the National Manager derive from him and be exercised in the name of the Secretary. Adherence to this principle is particularly important if we are to make real progress in the vital--and long contentious--area of automated information systems security.

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I propose two other changes of some substance. One is to make clear that any and all monitoring will require prior notification to the Department or Agency concerned. The other is to require prior coordination with the affected Department or Agency on any relevant security agreements negotiated with foreign governments or international and private organizations.

The foregoing changes, and several others of lesser import are set forth in the attachment. I urge that they be reflected in the document before it is presented to the President for approval.

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NSDD on Telecommunications Security (U)
Department of Defense Recommended Changes

1. Change paragraph 4.a.(1) as follows:
Delete "and National Manager," and replace "them" with "him."
2. In paragraph 5.d., delete "National Security Agency" in two places and replace with, "Department of Defense."
3. Delete "National Manager" from paragraph 6.a.
4. Add the following to paragraph 6.f.:
"... where appropriate, along with the views of the affected departments and agencies."
5. Change paragraph 7. to read as follows:
"7. The National Manager for Telecommunications Security and Automated Information Systems Security. The Director, National Security Agency is designated the National Manager for Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security, and is responsible to the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent for carrying out the foregoing responsibilities. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the National Manager shall have authority, in the name of the Executive Agent, to:"
6. Add the following to paragraph 7.a.:
"No monitoring will be performed without advising the heads of the agencies, departments and services concerned."
7. Add the following to paragraph 7.a.:
"Agreements affecting other departments and agencies must be coordinated with them in advance."
8. Replace "National Manager" with "Executive Agent" in paragraph 9.a.
9. In paragraph 9.b.(2), delete "National Manager."

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