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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Secretary:

More than a decade has passed since the last comprehensive review of personnel investigation and security practices in the Executive Branch. We should examine the current program to determine whether it is serving its intended purpose of protecting the national security and safeguarding the rights of employees and applicants.

Among other matters, it would be appropriate to review and evaluate:

1. The identification of sensitive and non-sensitive positions.
2. The effectiveness and appropriateness of current standards for determining security eligibility.
3. The future status of the Attorney General's list in loyalty determinations.
4. The procedures necessary to assure updating of investigations for incumbent employees.
5. The procedures in cases involving adverse action.
6. Respective rights of applicants and employees.
7. The availability of confrontation and cross-examination in individual cases.
8. Cost, timeliness and productivity of personnel investigations.

This study should be initiated promptly and be completed by August 31, 1965, together with any recommendations for improvement deemed advisable.

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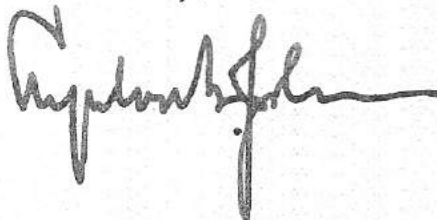
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Please designate a principal official of your agency to participate in the personnel security study group. I have asked John Macy to coordinate this review.

Sincerely,



Honorable Robert McNamara  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

