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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DDS Plans Staff

SUBJECT : Comments on Preliminary Draft of FY 1971  
PFIAB Report

1. The extracts of the preliminary draft of the FY 1971 PFIAB Report forwarded on 17 August 1971 with a request for comments and/or revisions have been reviewed.

2. The Office of Security concurs in the content of the extracts with the exception of the paragraph outlining computer security activities on the final page of Section IV (Information Processing and Exploitation).

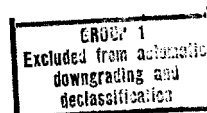
3. This paragraph, which begins "Computer security is . . . .", more appropriately belongs under its own heading Computer Security as a lettered subsection of Counterintelligence in the sequence enumerated as Personnel Security, Physical Security, and Communications Security. In addition, it should be amended and expanded to be more truly representative of our FY 1971 computer security activities.

4. I would, therefore, suggest deletion of the noted paragraph in Section IV and inclusion of the following as an additional lettered subsection under Counterintelligence:

X. Computer Security

Computer security continues as an area of increasing Agency concern and attention. Our capabilities for addressing ADP security problems were greatly enhanced during FY 1971 by the assignment of additional personnel to our computer security program and the acquisition of increased technical competence.

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During the year the responsibilities of our Office of Security in this area were further refined to include: (1) Development of uniform computer security policy and standards for Agency implementation; (2) Initiation of a coordinated Agency program for the identification and resolution of ADP Security problems; (3) Provision of continuing guidance to Agency computer components in handling the security problems related to modern information processing techniques; (4) Conduct of security audit of Agency computer operations, to include the security analysis, testing, and evaluation of our computer systems; and (5) Support of other government computer security efforts where the Agency is requested to provide assistance.

Specific computer security efforts initiated and/or completed in the fiscal year included the following:

- (1) Development of Agency security standards and procedures for the installation and operation of remote terminal devices.
- (2) A review of Agency control procedures for computer storage media, e.g., magnetic tapes.
- (3) Recommendations for improvements in design of security features in the Generalized Information Management System (GIMS) software package.
- (4) Development of methods to inhibit user entry into the supervisor state of software used on some Agency systems.
- (5) Inauguration of a four-week part-time computer security seminar for both security officers and computer specialists.
- (6) Continuing support in the form of computer security guidance and inspections to computer operations at

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Agency Headquarters and at selected contractor sites.

(7) Continued security support of community ADP efforts, especially those of the USIB Computer Security Subcommittee. The Agency has also provided assistance to other governmental groups or has at least monitored such other efforts relating to the protection of data in modern computer systems; among these efforts have been the activities of the Computer Science and Engineering Board of the National Academy of Sciences and the United States Communications Security Board.



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