



MEMORANDUM

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TO
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18-7-75

SUBJECT
OBJETSecurity Screening - General,
(Assistance to Foreign Services)

In answer to the action request from Foreign Services dated 15-7-75 with attached memo dated 8-7-75 from the L.O.

the following has been compiled which briefly outlines our vetting procedures and the Canadian Government Security Community and which it is hoped will assist the L.O.,

2. Cabinet Directive 35 (CD35) copy attached, is basically self explanatory and our authority to conduct security screening investigations. It should be pointed out however, that CD35 is under current revision brought about by the attachment being outdated in some instances i.e. change in the threat of some organizations (para. 3), the addition of others (i.e. terrorists) and to a lesser degree societies changing attitudes toward certain heretofore tabu character weaknesses.

3. CD 35 is briefly elaborated upon hereunder.

(A) In para. 1, classified information is initially referred to. Our definition is:

TOP SECRET

Information should be classified Top Secret when its security aspect is paramount and when its unauthorized disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to the Nation.

The following are examples of Top Secret information:

(a) Operational contingency plans which might affect national security, defence, or could involve vital political negotiations or result in serious international repercussions.

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- (b) Very important political documents dealing with such matters as international treaties and agreements.
- (c) Vital defence plans including important scientific and technical data and equipment directly connected with the defence of the nation or allied nations.
- (d) Vital intelligence matters, and police information which might imperil sources or intelligence.
- (e) Compilations of data irrespective of individual classifications, which collectively constitute Top Secret information.
- (f) Certain particulars of cryptanalysis and cryptography.

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Information shall be classified SECRET when its unauthorized disclosure would result in serious damage to the nation.

Examples of Secret Information are as follows:

- (a) Minutes or records of discussions of Cabinet or Cabinet committees, or proposed legislation of a sensitive nature.
- (b) Documents or material containing military defensive or offensive plans of other than vital strategic importance.
- (c) Documents or material pertaining to important government plans, or negotiations with foreign powers.

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- (d) Certain particulars of cryptographic devices.
- (e) Vital law enforcement information.
- (f) Particulars of the national budget prior to its official release.
- (g) Information about foreign powers, the value of which lies in concealing our possession of it.
- (h) Information about scientific and technical developments pertaining to National Defence.
- (i) Information about individuals undergoing security procedures on whom adverse information is received from security agencies.
- (j) Facts about military operations and the composition and strengths of military units, the knowledge of which would be of substantial value to a foreign power or a subversive organization.

CONFIDENTIAL

Information shall be classified Confidential when its unauthorized disclosure would be prejudicial to interests or prestige of the nation.

The following are examples of Confidential information:

- (a) Minutes, or records of classified discussions, and correspondence which does not fall within a higher category.
- (b) Information, reports or correspondence of an administrative nature concerning individuals or related to security clearance or to the evaluation of character and reliability.

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RESTRICTED

Information shall be classified Restricted when its unauthorized disclosure would be incompatible to the interests to the nation.

Examples of Restricted information are as follows:

- (a) Information which must not be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes.
- (b) Certain training manuals, or documents intended for use by specific departments or agencies.
- (B) Reference is made to the "Security Panel" in paragraphs 16, 16(c) and 19. The "Security Panel" has been replaced by the "Interdepartmental Committee on Security and Intelligence". (See appendix "B" attached).
- (C) The Department of National Defense conduct their own investigations of their own people. The R.C.M.P. is responsible for all others, (Para. 25).
- (D) While not listed in para. 25, there is also a "Special Activity" (SA) clearance. In these cases the investigative criteria is identical to "TOP SECRET" except the investigation covers the 20 year period immediately preceding the application or go back to the candidates 18th birthday whichever is earlier. (This was incorporated as the result of a request by the Communications Branch of the National Research Council).

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4. In addition to covering those points set out in para. 25 as investigative criteria, the R.C.M.P. also checks

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No definite instructions are normally relayed to field investigators in Canada. Through their expertise they are relied upon to obtain sufficient information upon which to submit a factual report on the candidates loyalty and reliability. There are many avenues open as to where such information can be obtained, these however, are left to the discretion of the investigator but are usually gleaned from data on the candidates Personal History Form.

5. Also attached is Appendix "B" which is an explanation of the various "Canadian Government Security Community" committees, and appendix "C" the "Basic Structure of the Canadian Security Community".

6. We have not elaborated any further for we feel the foregoing will suffice the L.O.'s needs at this time noting from his memo that [REDACTED] plan a trip to Ottawa for discussions with a wide range of Canadian Officials, none the least of whom I should think would be in this Force.

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