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2 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL MARCY

1. Reference is made to the so-called "RCSS Report on Polygraph," dated 7 November 1952 and specifically to the recommendation contained in par. 4.1 thereof, reading as follows:

"This committee recommends that the Director accept the objective, aiming at a target date of 1 July 1953. It recommends that with respect to paragraph 4a the work be begun now. It recommends that the work of paragraph 4c be begun now utilizing a select committee drawn from each office of the Agency to advise and consult with the Security Control Division."

2. The recommendation set forth in par. 4a, referred to in par. 4.1 is as follows:

*c. Careful planning must be undertaken to:

- (1) Establish a code which will clearly define, among other things, that the test will be used only on a voluntary basis and will be a screening test for further investigation rather than a basis of action.
- (2) Establish acceptable standards of evaluation.
- (3) Develop questions and tests.
- (4) Establish priorities for the use of the Polygraph test."

3. In considering the RCSS Report, the Director stated:

"..... I concur with other recommendations in so far as we can put them into effect. Let me have progress reports....."

4. The RCSS recommendation as to "utilizing a select committee drawn from each office of the Agency to advise and consult with the Security Control Division" was among the "other recommendations" approved by the Director.

5. So far as I am aware no such committee has been established.

6. I urgently recommend that the committee be established without delay.

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